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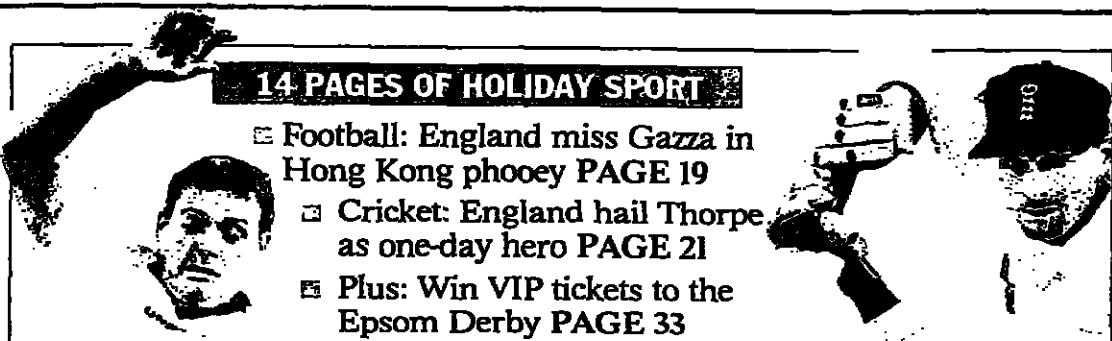
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Major's beef policy could backfire

MP threatens to undermine Tory majority

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR'S confrontation with Europe started to backfire on him last night when a former minister threatened to resign the party whip over the Prime Minister's "silly and cynical" behaviour.

The Government's Commons majority would be wiped out if George Walden carried out his threat, and his remarks reinforced the Conservatives' determination to be ready for an autumn election.

Conservative Central Office is to hold an election "rehearsal" on Saturday and all party workers have been told not to book holidays for October, November or December in case the Ulster Unionists withdraw their support from the Government.

Mr Walden claimed to be speaking for a number of MPs irritated by the Prime Minister's approach to Europe and his threat yesterday coincided with another attack from Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, who accused the Government of mismanaging the beef crisis.

Mr Walden, who intends to stand down as MP for Buckingham at the next election, said that only embarrassment might prevent him walking away from the party and he insisted that a number of his colleagues shared his views. Mr Major should not have picked a fight with Europe, he added: "If this goes on, some people could ask themselves what they are doing in this party."

"I cannot really, personally, be associated with a petty-

minded nationalist party if that is what the Conservative Party is going to turn itself into. It will be seen as weakness abroad. The worst thing the government has done is to make fools of Britain."

Mr Walden, a former education minister, said that he would have to think hard about whether to "detach myself" from the party. He said: "The Prime Minister is not the Duke of York who led his men up the hill, he has been pushed up the hill by the Eurosceptics. He is now in a very exposed position."

Mr Walden's remarks to GMTV's Sunday programme came as the former Cabinet minister David Hunt started to form a new group to lead an offensive against Eurosceptics who are using the beef controversy as a vehicle to attack the European Union. Mr Hunt said that Conservative Mainstream would be "a home for one-nation Tories and their ideas. A small number of Tory MPs want to withdraw from Europe. We have to make clear they are in a minority."

The new group is planning a conference shortly before the Tories' annual gathering in Bournemouth in October to work on ideas for the party manifesto. But Tory right-wingers have dubbed the plan the "alternative manifesto" and laughed at the suggestion that it could attract support of 200 of the 327 Tory MPs.

The group's fears about the beef "war" were underlined yesterday when Mr Santer said the tactics would be self-

defeating. The Commission President insisted that he would not give in to demands for a timetable programme to lift the ban on British beef and said: "I am very concerned about the, perhaps, anti-European atmosphere and climate in the UK. I am also concerned about an anti-British atmosphere between the 14 other member states. I don't think it is very good for the UK to be isolated in a matter related to public health."

The announcement to Parliament without prior warning to the EU had undermined public confidence, he said. Through this mismanagement... there was this triggering of the crisis and this panic.

The latest controversy over Europe and the resultant Tory infighting has meanwhile added fresh urgency to Conservative Central Office preparations for the next election. The ban on holidays ordered by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, confirmed weeks of speculation that the Prime Minister is prepared to go to the country in autumn even though he would prefer to wait until May.

Dr Mawhinney is also regularly consulting Lord Parkinson and Lord Tebbit, the architects of Margaret Thatcher's election victories, and the two heavyweights are ready to return to the campaign trail. They may be used for media performances to try to knock the gloss off Tony Blair.

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Arnaud Wambo plays with his friends in Douala as he completes his recovery after his heart operation in England

Princess? I don't know who she is, says heart boy

BY SAM KILEY
IN DOUALA
AND EMMA WILKINS

A BOY whose life-saving heart operation was observed by the Princess of Wales was recovering well at his home in Cameroon yesterday, unaware of the identity of his royal visitor.

Arnaud Wambo, seven, who wants to be a doctor when he grows up, broke off from a game of football outside his father's shack in a shanty town outside Douala, the capital, to say he was grateful to the British charity which arranged the operation.

Did he know that the wife of the heir to the throne had witnessed his operation along with a television camera crew? "Yes, no, I don't know who she is," he mumbled. "But I thank the people of the country who saved me."

As a tropical downpour rattled on the roof of his father's stall - washing mango peel and goat droppings from the street into open gutters - Arnaud pulled on a T-shirt and hopped across the open sewer to play in the rain.

His father, Pierre Tagne, 37, said: "Before the operation, he could never have done that. He was always tired, always sick. He has never been able to participate fully. When his medication is finished in ten days' time he will be able to run with the rest."

The shy child clung to his father's leg, almost speechless, the Bin scar from his open-heart surgery peeping over the top of his shirt. The operation, arranged by the British charity Chain of Hope, cost only £3,250 because the services of Professor Sir Madgi Yacoub, the surgeon, and his staff were given free of charge.

Sir Madgi said he was pleased by the child's recovery. "He was a wonderful kid. His was a real human story. Continued on page 2, col 3

Netanyahu's poll blunder

Israel's lacklustre election campaign burst into life when Benjamin Netanyahu, the rightwing Likud challenger, conceded that he had been wrong to go on television in 1993 to admit adultery and allege attempted political blackmail. The revival of the scandal may lose him vital votes in a contest that has him neck-and-neck with Shimon Peres. Page 7

Burma challenge

A huge crowd gathered outside the Rangoon home of Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader, after she vowed to keep up pressure on the military regime in the most direct challenge since her release from six years of house arrest. Page 7

Doctors call for names of 'infected' baby milk brands

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

DOCTORS and parents rounded on the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday for refusing to name brands of baby milk containing potentially dangerous levels of "gender-bending" chemicals.

Ministry scientists have tested 15 leading brands and found that all contain phthalates, commonly used in plastics. While they are not poisonous, they are among a group of chemicals believed to mimic natural hormones such as oestrogen. The levels found in some samples may be high enough to reduce fertility in babies exposed to them.

The ministry yesterday refused to reveal details of the tests or the names of the brands involved, saying they posed no threat.

The decision was attacked by Dr John Chisholm, deputy chairman of the British Medical Association GPs' committee. "Mothers will find this very frightening," he said. "They have a right to know the facts, so that they can choose milk that is safe."

Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, spoke of a "culture of cover-up" as he accused the Government of holding secret talks

with manufacturers to try to keep the problem out of the spotlight. "I want to see the scientific evidence today and I want to see the minutes of the secret meetings," he said.

The ministry said there was no need to name the brands. "These levels pose no danger to babies' health," a spokesman said. "If there was any danger, ministers would act immediately. We and the manufacturers want to see these levels come down. We have had talks to determine the source of the chemicals, and they have launched their own investigation."

New curb on 'Day of the Jackal' cheats

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD is planning to restrict the issue of copies of birth certificates in an attempt to prevent criminals creating false identities.

People seeking copies could be required to produce proof of identity and to explain why they want the document, and registrars may be given the power to refuse their requests.

The new rules, which could be put forward in a Bill next year, are being considered because certificates relating both to living and dead people are increasingly being used to obtain passports fraudulently as in Frederick Forsyth's *Day of the Jackal*.

A leaked Whitehall Home Office memo shows that 739 such frauds were uncovered by the UK Passport Agency last year compared with 583 in 1994. The memo also discloses that the Immigration Service estimates that there were between 350 and 400 people seeking leave to enter or remain in the UK involving used copies of birth certificates that did not belong to them.

It says: "The issue of certified copies of birth certificates is a growing area of abuse... The Home Secretary's view is that unless this problem is tackled firmly and quickly the Continued on page 2, col 6

Free jail birds plea by campaigner behind bars

BY BILL FROST



"The population's doubled under Michael Howard"

A JAILED animal rights activist has launched a campaign on behalf of thousands of innocent prisoners condemned to a life behind bars without trial or hope of appeal.

Niel Hansen, who is serving three years for a bomb hoax on a drugs company press officer, has petitioned the Home Office to ban prison inmates from keeping caged birds.

While at The Mount Prison in Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, Hansen claims to have witnessed appalling cruelty to cockatiels and budgerigars inflicted by fellow inmates. So far, he has managed to rescue six feathered fellow prisoners and arranged for them to be freed.

Recognising the therapeutic value of pets, the Home Office Prisons Department allows some prisoners, particularly those facing long sentences, the privilege of a caged bird. The Home Office estimates that there are "hundreds" of birds kept by prisoners.

Hansen, 29, insists that not every inmate nurtures and cares for his companion like Robert Stroud, the Birdman of Alcatraz, a double killer who was jailed for life by a California court in 1909. Stroud was allowed to transform his cell into a bird sanctuary, but Hansen said some birds in British cells were badly abused. "One inmate, fed up with the noise made by his bird, stabbed it with a ball point pen and another was thrown against a wall," he said.

"A common training method is to trim a

bird's wings... with many of the inmates not knowing anything about birds, this trimming often causes a great deal of pain and distress, even permanent injury."

Abuse was not necessarily intentional, but frequently the result of bored prisoners buying a bird on the spur of the moment, often knowing nothing about how to keep them. The more colourful breeds were bought and sold in exchange for drugs or to pay off debts and so were frequently passed from one inmate to another, he claimed.

Hansen is also worried by the health hazards faced by birds behind bars. "Smoke-filled cells are not the place to keep them," he said.

A Home Office spokesman said: "If prisoners don't treat birds properly the birds are removed."

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EVERY DAY THIS WEEK YOUR CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS TO SEASONAL SPORTING EVENTS

Tories are urged to publish donations above £25,000

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER Tory treasurer urged the party to publish a list of donations over £25,000 last night in an attempt to lift an atmosphere of sleaze from the party's source of funding.

Lord Laing of Dunphail, the treasurer when John Major set out a strategy to distance himself from tainted donation scandals, said that the controversy over funds was damaging the party. "I do not believe in state funding, but I think that there should be more openness. I don't believe that anyone who gives £10,000 to their local party should have to disclose it, because it is not such a high figure these days, but an arbitrary figure should be set at £25,000 at which point the party should say where the money came from. It would end suggestions of sleaze."

The intervention by Lord Laing, the treasurer between 1988 and 1993, comes at a sensitive moment for the party. Brian Mawhinney, the chairman, is investigating donations from a Serb businessman who is linked to a company that has been the subject of United Nations

sanctions. The donations, which were reported to have been in the £100,000 region, were thought last night to be closer to £40,000.

Labour seized on reports that Downing Street was warned by MI6 in 1992 that the Tory party had received donations from a company linked to Serbia. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, has written to the Prime Minister to ask if the reports are true. "If John Major refuses to answer, it will be because of the embarrassment to the Tory party."

"No wonder MI6 was worried. Ordinary people, too, will be worried that the party in government was taking money from sources linked to Serbia at a time when the rest of Britain was banned from trading with Serbia."

Eric Chalker, a member of the party's board of finance for four years until 1993, added to the pressure at the weekend when he urged that the money should be given back. Lord Laing, who declined to be drawn on the latest controversy, said: "It is the secrecy which is causing the damage."

I collected a lot of money for the party and nobody wanted anything from me in return. They believed in the party."

But party funding was identified as a potential political problem by the Prime Minister soon after he took office. Mr Major, aware of the possible conflicts, wrote to Lord Laing in June 1992 only three months after his election victory, which was funded in part by foreign businessmen. The Prime Minister, in his letter, said that the party chairman should take responsibility for the treasurer's department. "It will help to answer some of the demands we face for greater accountability... and it will leave the Prime Minister in a less exposed position."

Lord Laing said last night that he did not recall discussing the letter with the Prime Minister. "It was his view and that was a matter for him. I had no strong feelings either way." But the peer, who was chairman of United Biscuits, a substantial donor to Tory funds, defended the right of the party to accept cash from abroad. He said: "We are only too happy to welcome investment from businessmen in the Far East. Investment of up to 50 per cent in our industry is coming from overseas. Some people might conclude that it is right for them therefore to be able to play a part in the political system by donating to a political party."

Last week Lord McAlpine of West Green, another former treasurer, urged John Major to return donations from Asil Nadir.

Computer enlisted in war of the soundbite

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A £500,000 computer system is to be installed at Conservative Central Office as a weapon in its election armoury. Contracts were signed last week for Excalibur, which will store information enabling staff to react quickly to claims and accusations from opponents.

The purchase is a further sign that the party has solved its financial problems. Relentless cost-cutting since 1992 has helped to reduce the deficit from £18 million to £2.5 million. Spending is now on the increase and staff are being hired on the strength of millions of pounds of pledged donations from wealthy individuals and small businesses.

Labour has a similar computer system at its Millbank media centre, but the Tory operation is said to be more sophisticated, with a much larger database. It will store politicians' recent speeches, gaffes, policy statements, canvass returns and the political views of millions of ordinary people.

Within weeks, it will be installed in Conservative Central Office, which has gone on an election war footing. The election operation led by the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, is being bolstered by the Thatcherite heavyweights Lord Tebbit and Lord Parkinson, who are consulted on a range of issues and may be used in television and radio interviews.

Next weekend, an election "dress rehearsal" will involve officials acting out a typical day in the campaign. Mock briefings and press conferences will be held in the first in a series of exercises at Smith Square.



Braving the elements at Bournemouth yesterday

Weather dampens holiday weekend

BAD weather cast gloom over the Bank Holiday weekend and sporting events. Rain halted the third one-day match between England and India in Manchester and was expected to dampen the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth today.

South Coast beaches were deserted because of the downpours. The only consolation was free-flowing roads. An AA

spokesman said: "Without the sun we are not anticipating congestion on coast roads, though there may be some on routes to indoor entertainment or shopping centres."

A woman aged 21 was killed when the car she was in left a rain-soaked road and hit a tree last night in Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

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Highway Code to give road rage guidance

The Highway Code is to include a section on coping with road rage in response to mounting public concern about the number of violent attacks on drivers. The next edition of the Code, to be published in July, will include advice to drivers on how to avoid confrontations with other road users that could escalate into physical attacks or even murder.

The advice, which is still being drafted by the Government's driving standards agency, has been drawn up in consultation with the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers. It will be backed up by a national publicity campaign including posters and television commercials on the dangers of road rage. The new theory section of the driving test, which is being introduced on July 1, will also include questions covering potential road rage flashpoints.

Man shot dead at bar

A man was shot dead in front of his girlfriend as he stood at the bar of a crowded restaurant in Belfast. Dessie McCleary, 37, was shot in the head at close range in the Chicago Pizzeria restaurant. The leadership of the Irish National Liberation Army said yesterday that it carried out the murder, which follows a feud between factions of the group. McCleary was wanted by police in the Irish Republic after he skipped bail in January. He was being questioned in connection with a major arms find.

Holidaymaker killed

A murder inquiry was launched yesterday after a 50-year-old man was stabbed to death while on holiday in Norfolk. Terrence Mann, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, was attacked on Saturday night as he was leaving the car park of the California Tavern pub in California, near Great Yarmouth. Mr Mann, who owned a holiday chalet in the area, died in hospital from his wounds, which included a severed artery in his leg.

Open prisons review

Some of the country's 12 open jails could be turned into partly closed rehabilitation units under a Prison Service review, which could also mean the closure of some of the jails. The study comes as many of the prisons are working well below their capacity. One estimate yesterday suggested that up to 800 places are empty. Some could be turned into units preparing prisoners serving long sentences for the outside world.

Lady Douglas Home

Lady Margaret Douglas Home, whose late son Charles was editor of *The Times* between 1982 and 1985, has died after a short illness, her family said last night. She was 89. Lady Margaret, great aunt of the Princess of Wales, died in Wells-next-the-Sea Cottage Hospital, Norfolk, with grandchildren around her. The Rev Jonathan Charles, rector of the nearby Burnhams, said.



Wembley murder charge

A man will appear in court today charged with the murder of a Plymouth Argyle fan at Wembley Stadium before the Third Division play-off game with Darlington on Saturday. Peter Johnson, 30, from Plymouth, will appear at Brent Magistrates' Court, west London, charged with the murder of Kelvin Noon, 24, from Salcombe, Devon. A post-mortem examination found Mr Noon, who has a baby daughter, died from a ruptured artery at the base of the skull.

Liver boy takes overdose

A teenager suffering from chronic liver failure has died after swallowing a large number of paracetamol tablets only hours before learning that a transplant organ had become available for him. Craig Forward, 15, from Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, was taken to hospital the day after he took the tablets to be told that a suitable donor had been found but he did not live long enough for surgeons to operate. It is not known why he took the tablets.

Charity's sex appeal

A businessman who was made an MBE last year for services to charity is hosting a £75-a-head evening featuring topless table-dancers in a marquee at his home in Lapworth, Warwickshire, in aid of the Birmingham cancer charity CRAB. William Wilson, 69, who chairs the appeal, said: "It's all highly respectable and will be done in a tasteful way. People don't really get offended by that sort of thing any more."



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Labour row is defused with Wilson promotion

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR has defused a dispute between Labour's transport frontbenchers by offering Brian Wilson, the railway spokesman, a senior role on the campaign team.

The move comes after Mr Wilson lost a battle with his boss, Clare Short, over realising Railtrack. Mr Wilson favoured a full-blooded commitment to restoring public ownership, while Ms Short backed a more cautious approach involving a gradual buy-back of Railtrack shares. One railway figure said that,

at a meeting with Ms Short earlier this year, "she spent 90 per cent of the time moaning about Brian Wilson".

Mr Wilson will be put in charge of the party's computer system, which is used to rebut Tory attacks on Labour, and will be based mainly at its media centre at Millbank. Mr Wilson will initially retain a front-bench transport job as well, but with the privatisation of the railways almost complete he is expected to devote most of his time to campaign work.

Leadership sources yesterday described the move as a promotion for Mr Wilson,

whose considerable political skills are admired by Mr Blair. But the sources did not deny that there had been a serious personality clash.

Birmingham city councilors have threatened to demonstrate outside Labour headquarters in London over allegations of vote-rigging in the local party unless Mr Blair calls talks to resolve the issue, according to a leaked letter from Theresa Stewart, the council leader. Four parties were suspended last year amid claims that membership lists were being packed with bogus names in battles for parliamentary candidacies.

'Princess Diana? I don't know who she is'

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behind the surgical masks and the blood."

The Princess, who is preparing for a trip to Chicago next week where she will address a conference on breast cancer, is keeping in touch with Arnaud's progress. "The Princess is delighted that Arnaud is making a good recovery," an official said yesterday. She is staying in close touch with Chain of Hope and hopes to work with them again.

Without the help of the charity, the boy may not have made it into his teens. The third of four sons, Arnaud is lucky that his father's stall, selling individual cigarettes, doughnuts and water in used bottles, generates enough income for him to go to school.

The hole in the boy's heart, diagnosed three years ago, left him gasping for breath and weak after the slightest exertion. Doctors gave him no more than a few years to live

in Douala's disease-riddled slums.

His operation can in large part be put down to good luck. His father happened to bring the youngster into Douala's only paediatric hospital where Chain of Hope volunteer members were working. The volunteers, doctors and nurses on the lookout for children who cannot be treated in their home country, choose candidates for surgery who otherwise could not afford advanced medical care.

They arranged for him to be put on a flight to London last month and to be treated and housed by a "foster family" for two weeks. He was flown home ten days ago.

The costs were met by Chain of Hope, which is financed largely by private donations. Now that Arnaud is back home, the chain also meets the costs of his weekly visits to a local doctor and of his medication.

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Friend climber

Blaze hits Clapton's Elm home

THE Clapton family home in London was damaged by a fire which started in the kitchen. The fire was caused by a gas oven and the house was gutted. The Claptons are expected to leave the area for some time.

Rock revival

Student

STUDENTS at Oxford University offered prayers for a college chapel last night after a fire which destroyed the building. The fire was caused by a gas oven and the chapel was gutted. The students are expected to leave the area for some time.

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Woman swims for four hours after boat capsizes

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN EXHAUSTED woman swam for almost four hours without a lifejacket to raise the alarm when a fishing boat capsized. She was recovering in hospital last night as fears grew among her rescuers that four fellow crew members had drowned.

Pamela Crossan, 28, whose determination to survive astonished doctors, jumped overboard with her companions when the 32ft clam dredger *Equinox* turned turtle without warning 1½ miles off the west coast of Scotland in the Firth of Clyde.

Her boyfriend, Paul Blaikie, and the skipper of the boat, Sean Ritchie, are said to have perished along with two other crew members who left Ayr on Saturday night. Mr Ritchie, who has two daughters, had bought the boat only six weeks before Saturday's accident, after selling his previous boat.

Miss Crossan lived with Mr Blaikie and her six-year-old daughter in Dumure, Strathclyde. One local said: "Pamela is a heroine. She swam for over a mile for that wee lassie of hers. The thought of her daughter kept her going."

A neighbour and friend of Mr Blaikie's said: "We are all stunned. It's such a close-knit community, everyone is in shock." Paul's parents Bill, a retired railwayman, and Maud, were being comforted by their two other sons Michael and Billy, the harbour pilot at Ayr, at their home in Dumure. "The family are shattered," said a friend. "Paul's father in particular is in a terrible state."

Police divers examined part of the hull section found by the



Police search for the *Equinox*, which sank in the Firth of Clyde. A navy minehunter found part of the hull

Royal Navy minehunter HMS *Cattistock* off the Heads of Ayr but the Ministry of Defence has rejected suggestions that a submarine might have been involved. A spokesman said none had been present in the area and that the 20 metres of water would have been too shallow for a submarine.

Miss Crossan reached the shore at about 2am yesterday, four hours after the boat capsized without time to send a Mayday or fire distress rockets. She was dragged to safety by holidaymakers at Butlins West World Holiday Centre, near Ayr, who had

heard her cries for help from shallow water. Alastair Dick, 26, a holidaymaker who raised the alarm, said: "I heard screams saying 'Help me, please help me.' Miss Crossan was in 3ft of water and had to be dragged ashore because she was too exhausted to carry on."

Mr Dick, from Rutherglen, Strathclyde, and another man removed some of their clothing to keep her warm before she was taken to hospital. He said time was running out for her when she was found. "She could not move. If I had not heard her she would not have

made it. Another hour in the water and that would have been the end. We took off as much of our clothing as we could to wrap round her and we got blankets from caravans. She was in total shock." Miss Crossan was taken by a holiday centre van to a first aid facility on site before being taken to hospital suffering from severe hypothermia. She was interviewed by police and coastguards about the incident and visited by several members of her family.

Dr Leo Murray, accident and emergency consultant at Ayr Hospital, said Miss Crossan was likely to be detained for several days but had suffered no serious injury. He said: "Fortunately she is young, fit and healthy. She is exhausted and has probably swallowed a few mouthfuls of the Firth of Clyde."

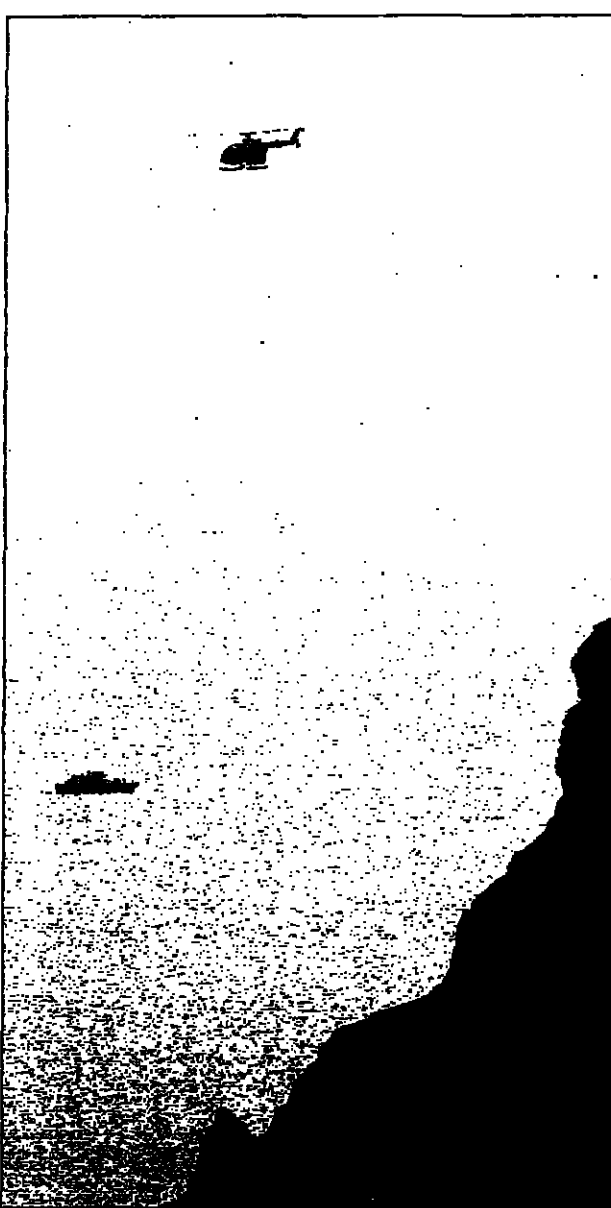
He said she had been covered with a reflective aluminium blanket to maintain her body temperature. "The water here isn't Arctic, but it isn't warm. Not many of us would go for a swim in May. To survive that length of time in water is a triumph. It would require a lot of resolve

and strength to stay in the water for four hours."

Miss Crossan received physiotherapy and was given antibiotics to clear a possible chest infection caused by inhaling sea water. Dr Murray said: "She is wrecked physically and upset emotionally. She has been asking, and we have been telling her, that we have had no news of the four missing people."

RAF and police helicopters, two lifeboats and coastguard teams took part in the search but it was scaled down before nightfall. Police dogs searched the coastline in case anyone managed to get to shore. It is believed that searchers found yellow wellingtons, a red plastic can and fishing boxes in the area where the boat is believed to have sunk.

Chief Superintendent Sandra Hood said: "We will continue to search until we have a conclusion to this inquiry. With every hour that passes the greater our concern for them will be." A local fisherman said: "It is possible one of their lines broke and they might have been thrown off or jumped off as a result."



A helicopter and lifeboat searching for survivors

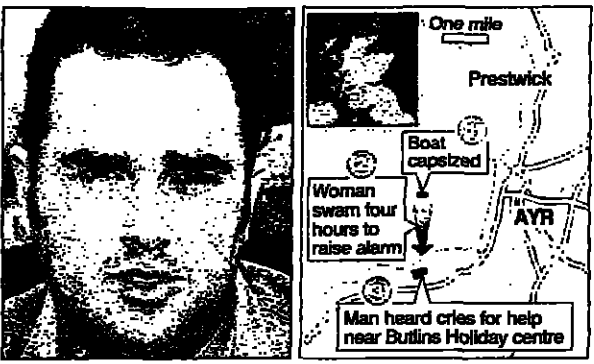
Stronger sex built to survive

THE old cry of "Women and children first into the lifeboat" as a ship goes down is gallant, but as incorrect medically as it is politically (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes). Children, being thin, do not survive well in cold water, but women have a thicker layer of subcutaneous fat than men and so have the best chance of living. Even so, surviving four hours in the Clyde at this time of the year was a remarkable achievement.

It is not as dangerous to ingest large quantities of sea water as it is to take in pints of fresh water; salt water upsets the chemical balance of the blood, but not as profoundly as does the drinking of any considerable amount of fresh water, which can upset the blood volume, and hence its chemical balance, much more dangerously.

The cold, as well as aspirated sea water, causes pulmonary oedema, the collection of fluid in the lung, and eventually also leads to heart irregularities and cardio-respiratory failure.

Pamela Crossan owes her life to being a strong swimmer whose muscles worked efficiently, despite the reduced oxygen supply which is associated with cold, to excellent lungs and heart, to the feminine subcutaneous fat layer, to the team who resuscitated her — and, above all, to a steely determination to live.



Alastair Dick, who heard Miss Crossan's cries

Friends fear worst for climber lost on Everest

By BILL FROST

A BRITISH climber was missing on Everest yesterday after losing radio contact with his team-mates as they descended from the summit.

Louis Herrod, a photographer, was part of the first official South African team to conquer the mountain. He is said to have "straggled behind the others" and reached the top seven hours after Ian Woodall, the team leader, and Cathy O'Dowd had begun their descent.

The last radio contact with Mr Herrod, 37, was just before he began his descent at about 5pm local time (1100 GMT) on Saturday. He spoke to his girlfriend in London from the summit via satellite telephone and promised to proceed carefully.

He faced a night-time struggle alone down the 8,848 metre (29,028 ft) mountain in temperatures of minus 35C, a task experienced mountaineers described as "extremely dangerous".

Mr Herrod, originally from London, was officially listed as missing 24 hours after his summit telephone call, according to South African radio. Ms O'Dowd, the first African woman to reach the summit, and Mr Woodall spent Saturday night with their Sherpa guides at Everest's camp four, at 8,000 m (26,400 ft). She began descending to base camp early yesterday.

Mr Woodall was to remain at camp four with two oxygen bottles for an extra night in the hope that Mr Herrod would arrive. But he was persuaded to leave and began making his own way down alone in the afternoon.

Duncan Elliot, a friend and fellow mountaineer, said that Mr Herrod had left it very late to reach the summit. "You must get to the top by noon to

return to camp four in daylight," he explained. "When coming down from the summit, climbers are extremely tired and disoriented. They're not thinking straight, their sense of direction goes, some hallucinate. These are effects of being at high altitude for too long."

"It is very difficult to survive for 18 hours at that altitude. The biggest concern is that Bruce hasn't made use of his radio, and I fear the worst."

News of Mr Herrod's disappearance dampened the excitement in South Africa over the historic ascent. Until democratic elections in 1994 ended white minority rule and brought Nelson Mandela to power, South Africans were refused permission by the Nepalese Government to scale Everest.

Earlier this month eight climbers died in a blizzard on the mountain.

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Sailor, 70, lost on global voyage

By A STAFF REPORTER

CONCERN is growing for a lone British yachtsman who has disappeared during a voyage around the world. Les Powles, 70, a former holder of the Yachtsman of the Year title, left New Zealand in December and was due to arrive in the Falkland Islands in March.

More than two months later friends at his home in Lynton, Hampshire, are still waiting to hear from him, although he had previously kept in constant touch about his movements.

The former radio engineer gave up his career to build his own 34ft yacht in the early 1970s. He set out on his first global trip in August 1975 in the Norwest yacht, named *Solitaire of Hamble*. The 30-month voyage was followed by a second circumnavigation, which saw him run out of food and survive on cups of rice mixed with toothpaste. He completed the entire

journey without touching land, meaning he had sailed round the world single-handed in both directions.

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Blaze hits Clapton's Elm home

THE Chelsea home of the rock star Eric Clapton has been damaged by fire. The guitarist discovered the blaze after returning from a night out with friends.

The fire, on Saturday night, is understood to have been caused by a faulty lighting circuit. Clapton, 51, was at the £1 million house yesterday, but did not say if any of his guitars or other personal property had been damaged.

Station officer Michael Keller, of the fire investigation unit based at Acton, west London, said: "We have identified the cause of the fire. It was an electrical fault."

"Mr Clapton is very well. He discovered the fire himself and called the fire brigade at 9.40pm last night. Damage was extensive on the second floor. There is thousands of pounds of damage to the structure of the house, but I don't know about Mr Clapton's personal property."

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Student dies in fall from punt

By RUSSELL JENKINS

STUDENTS at Oxford University offered prayers in their college chapel last night after a mature student fell from a punt and drowned in the river Cherwell.

The body of Stephen Royal, 35, was recovered after a three-hour search by police frogmen. The accident happened while he was punting along the river in University Parks on Saturday afternoon. Sergeant Ian Lock, of Thames Valley Police, said: "He may

have leaned too far on the pole. He fell in and just disappeared."

The Thames Valley Police underwater research unit was brought in to help the search for Mr Royal, supported by Oxfordshire Fire Service and a police helicopter. The operation was hampered by poor visibility because of low foliage.

There were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death and police are investigating the possibility that Mr Royal, of Bristol,

suffered an epileptic fit. Roy Singh, a fellow student at Manchester College, said of Mr Royal: "He was one of those people who didn't really worry what others thought of him. He was just a very nice guy with a very good heart — a heart of gold."

His death has shocked students among whom punting is a traditional and popular pastime. Thousands are expected to take advantage of today's Bank Holiday and take punts on the river for as little as £2.50 an hour.

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Peak of controversy will let visitors look but not touch

BY MAGNUS LINKLATER

FINAL approval is expected next month for a funicular railway in the Cairngorms, but environmental groups are threatening to appeal to Europe over the plan, which would bring an extra 175,000 visitors a year to one of the continent's last unspoilt mountain areas.

Instead of the present chairlift system, the 2.3-kilometre mountain railway would whisk visitors up 1,245-metre Cairn Gorm to a 250-seat restaurant and an interpretative centre. Under a controversial compromise that helped to win the support of Scottish Natural Heritage, summer visitors would not be allowed out on to the mountain itself.

They would have to stay in the visitor centre, watch the presentation, enjoy the view, then descend again by railway. No illicit strolling would be allowed.

Scottish Natural Heritage, chaired by Magnus Magnus-

son, is the government quango responsible for Scotland's environment and had earlier opposed the scheme. Its objection won a number of concessions, including a reduction in the height of the original structure by four metres.

The developers say that the "not-to-touch" compromise will lose approximately 30 per cent of the more active summer visitors they had hoped to attract, but they still maintain that numbers will quadruple from the present 50,000 to about 225,000.

Hamish Swan, chairman of the Cairngorm Mountain Railway Company, insists it will still be viable and will ensure an all-year visitor experience of national ranking with significant added value to the benefit of environmental education and economic and recreational interests. Scottish National Heritage's decision to back the project,

provided the visitor management scheme is further amended, provoked an extraordinary reaction from one of its own most distinguished members.

Professor Christopher Smout, the Scottish historian, defended the decision but said that the development was far from ideal: "It is likely in summer to deliver only a very disappointing visitor experience — those rash enough to buy tickets will be shot up the mountain in a sealed capsule, kept inside the interpretative centre and restaurant, and transported back without a chance to taste the real world."

Environmental groups, including the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Ramblers Association and the National Trust for Scotland, believe the plan remains a threat to the landscape and will increase visitor pressure on an area which is subject to the European Union's most

stringent protections for birds and natural habitat.

The RSPB, which owns a neighbouring site on the other side of the mountain, is proposing an alternative scheme using "gondola" cable cars taking visitors to a halfway point. It has attacked the Scottish National Heritage decision for "putting short-term political expediency before its role as guarantor of our

natural heritage". Dave Morris, of the Ramblers Association, calls the scheme "daft".

Along with the RSPB, the ramblers have asked the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, to intervene. Mr Morris said: "We'd like him to look at the whole issue, environmental and financial. It would not be acceptable to have two classes of visitors — those who drive up to the car park and

take the funicular, and those who have to set out to walk from the bottom."

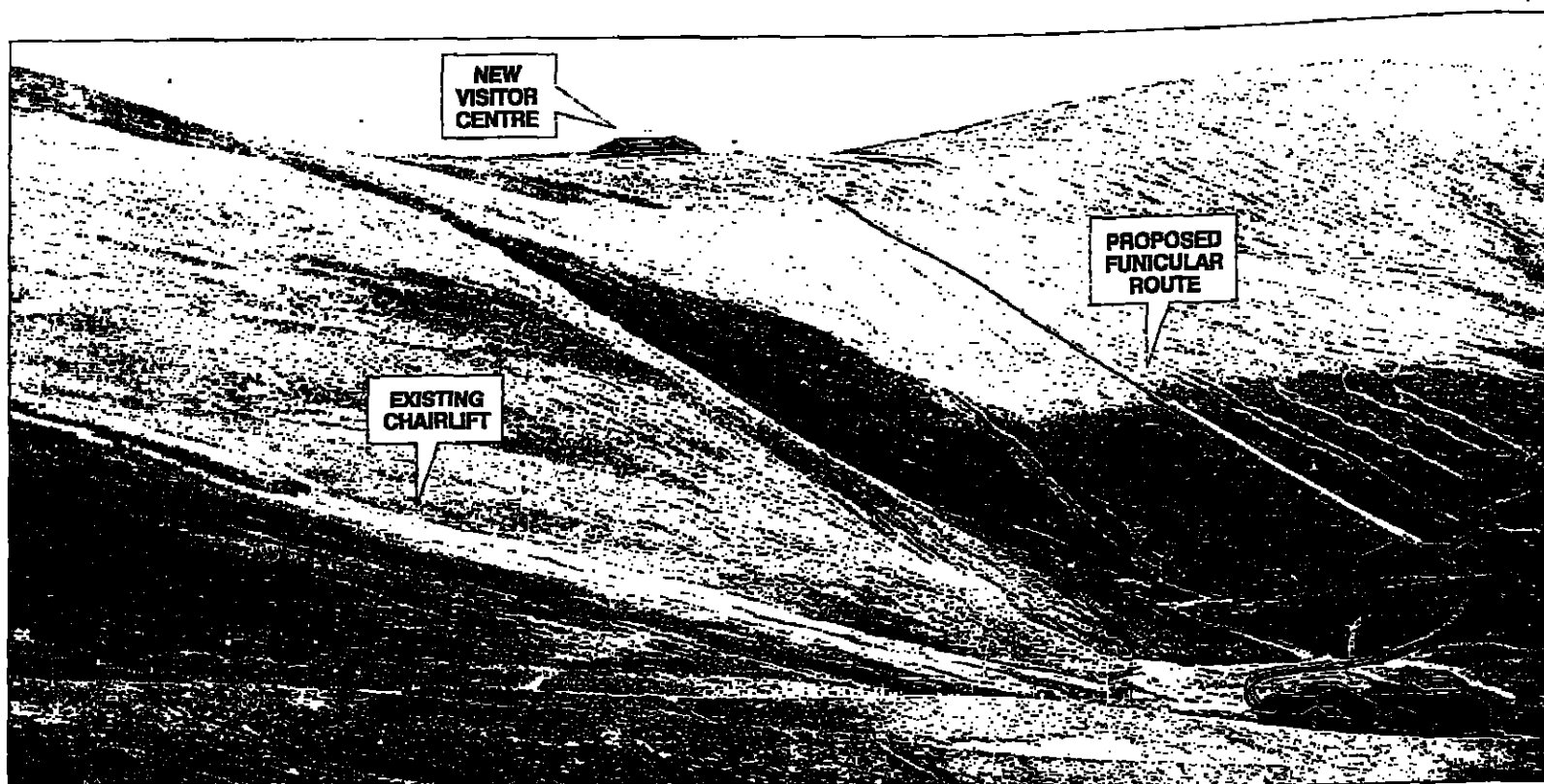
However, given that Scottish National Heritage has indicated that it is in favour, Mr Forsyth is unlikely to intervene. This week a draft agreement on visitor management will be sent to all the parties involved. If it is signed, the go-ahead will be given. That does not, however,

mean that the battle is over. The RSPB would then consider taking its case to the European Court of Justice. There is also the matter of the £6 million of Euro-funds on which the site depends under the Objective One scheme for marginal areas.

Scottish National Heritage says it is strictly interpreting the European Habitats and Species Directive, which gives

the area its specially protected status and requires that any proposal must not adversely affect "the integrity of the site". For this reason, even a proposal that visitors should be escorted by rangers was rejected because there was no guarantee that some errant walkers would not escape.

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The routes of the current chairlift and the proposed mountain railway in the Cairngorms. Skiers will still have access to the slopes

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Car tolls planned to cut congestion in countryside

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MEASURES to restrict traffic in the countryside, including charging cars to drive in the national parks and a 50 mph rural speed limit, are to be considered by the Government in the summer.

The proposals will form the basis of talks involving the Countryside Commission, the Government's statutory adviser on rural issues, and the environment and transport departments. The commission is concerned that the Government has overlooked the detrimental effect of traffic on country lanes in its rush to solve congestion in towns and cities.

Research carried out by the commission suggests that the majority of motorists would pay a toll to drive in popular country areas, including the Lake District and the Peak District, where millions of visitors get stuck in traffic jams every summer. The studies have also shown that charges could be used to discourage traffic on relatively quiet roads through villages.

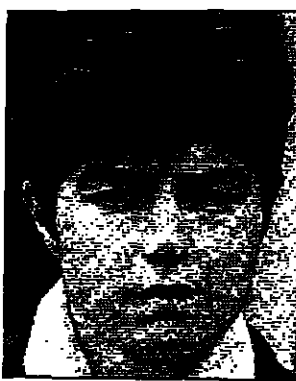
Ken Robertson, the commission's national policy adviser, said: "The research we have done suggests that it is not just congestion and high traffic

flows that can spoil rural roads. It can also be relatively low traffic flows — perhaps just 25 heavy lorries a day passing through a village."

But legislation allowing authorities in rural areas to introduce tolls and local speed limits is probably some years off because of fears that it could deter tourists. Rural shops and services earn more than £5 billion a year from tourism and the majority of visitors use their cars to travel to the countryside.

Mr Robertson said: "People seem to be prepared to accept a charging regime, but they have yet to be persuaded that the problem is significant enough to make them act. People need to have a reassuring message. The Government has said in its transport Green Paper that it is a mistake to assume that pricing mechanisms are likely to hurt the less well off."

In an RAC survey of drivers in the North York Moors, two thirds agreed in principle to contributing to the costs imposed by traffic. Of those, 56 per cent supported tolls, 25 per cent higher parking charges and 19 per cent daily passes to enter the park.



Brown: "well qualified"

Romeo ban head made an inspector

BY EMMA WILKINS

A HEADMISTRESS who banned her pupils from seeing a production of *Romeo and Juliet* on the grounds that it was "a blatantly heterosexual love story" is to become a schools inspector.

Jane Brown, head of Kingsmead Primary School in Hackney, east London, will take up her post in September and will continue as head of Kingsmead. Ms Brown, a lesbian, will report on children's "spiritual, moral, social and cultural development" as well as teaching standards and the financial management of primary schools.

Her refusal to allow her pupils to take up free tickets to *Romeo and Juliet* caused outrage among MPs and many teachers. John Major attacked her decision as a "deplorable example of political correctness".

Ms Brown, who was supported by parents and governors, overcame an attempt by the local education authority to order her suspension. A spokesman for the Office for Standards in Education said that she was well qualified to become an inspector.

Dunblane injuries kept private

Children who died in the Dunblane massacre will not be named when details of their injuries are disclosed at the public inquiry, which starts on Wednesday. The 16 pupils, killed with their teacher by Thomas Hamilton in March, will be listed alphabetically, from Child A to Child P. Dr Sheila Gray, a bereavement counsellor in Dunblane, said: "Linking names and injuries would have put an even greater burden on the families."

IVF triplets

A woman who stole £20,000 from her employers to pay for IVF treatment has given birth to triplets. Michelle Darby, 27, of Bracknell, Berkshire, who was given a 12-month suspended sentence, had two girls and a boy by Caesarean section.

RAF jet crashes

An RAF pilot ejected safely when his Hawk jet was involved in collision with a Portuguese F16 during an airshow in Portugal. The pilot, who has not been named, was taken to hospital.

Final whistle

A firm of undertakers is offering coffins in the deceased's favourite football colours. William Hall, of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, is also offering multi-coloured caskets for huggies.

The Botanical Gardens in Edinburgh are at Inverleith Row, not on the Royal Mile, as reported in the *Weekend* section on Saturday.

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Prisons put on standby for football hooligans

By STEWART TENDLER AND RICHARD FORD

PRISON officials have drawn up emergency plans to house hundreds of extra remand prisoners if the Euro 96 football championship leads to serious disorder.

Five jails are on standby in case of riots at the 31 games, which begin in 12 days. Courts and police forces have also drawn up contingency plans.

The prison plans are expected to include increasing the number of prisoners per cell and temporarily moving inmates to other jails. Also, new prisoners will be admitted at weekends, instead of the normal practice of accepting them

field, Newcastle upon Tyne, Liverpool, Nottingham and Manchester.

Magistrates' courts in Newcastle, Birmingham and Nottingham will hold night sittings if necessary and in Sheffield routine court business will be kept to a minimum for the days after games in case there are extra cases.

The eight police forces that will cover the venues during the three-week championship have also drawn up contingency plans to deal with a sudden rush of arrests should riots break out at the matches.

Some have earmarked large stations to handle the arrests; others will transport prisoners to stations with spare capacity. In Newcastle, prisoners may be kept in cells at the St James's Park ground, which was opened last year. London has a large number of stations that can take prisoners and also has extra capacity at logistics headquarters at Lambeth.

Policy on dealing with fans has been discussed by the magistrates' courts and the Crown Prosecution Service. Malcolm George, the Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and co-ordinator of the policing operation, has said that one of the problems for police will be that fans cannot be automatically deported or rounded up to prevent trouble, as in other European countries. "If fans are bailed, they could be out again the next day, although we can restrict their movement and conditions of release," he said.

Courts may impose bail restrictions that ban fans from further matches or the cities where matches are being played. Other prisoners may be kept on remand because they have no fixed address in this country.



only from courts and police stations during the week.

The emergency plans followed talks between prison officials, police and magistrates' courts. A spokeswoman for the Prison Service said: "We are working closely with the courts and police in the areas where the matches are being played and have contingency plans in place should they be needed."

The five jails involved in the Euro 96 strategy are Wormwood Scrubs and Holloway in London, plus Liverpool, Durham and Leeds. The games are being played in London, Birmingham, Leeds, Shef-

Rival gangs plan fights by fax and mobile phone

By ADAM FRESKO

A FIXTURE list of international battles is being arranged by hooligan "generals" for next month's Euro 96 championship using modern business methods.

Gang leaders claim to have made contact with gangs abroad by fax and to have held planning meetings. On match days, the leaders will contact each other by mobile telephone; if the police stop a fight, an alternative battleground will be arranged.

Yesterday one convicted hooligan in his late 20s, from south London, said there had been regular contacts for months between rival gang leaders at home and with hooligans in Germany, Holland, France and Italy. The man, the leader of a "firm", said: "We are well prepared. We will be able to move a lot quicker than the police. All the countries, while enemies, have been working together to make sure this all goes to plan."

He forecast that the biggest fight would involve English and Dutch hooligans joining forces against Germany. "Even though we hate Holland, we hate Germany even more and we're out to teach them a lesson."

Neil, 29, a Chelsea fan and member of the notorious Chelsea Headhunters, said the main battles would be against Holland and Scotland. "We know the police are watching us but if they nick one of us there'll be another to take his place. We know the police are using closed-circuit television in and around the grounds so we will meet up away from there. The best places are train stations because you can get to them before they have had a chance to group up."

"The police reckon they are

Nine men accused of conspiracy to cause violent disorder were bailed by Newcastle upon Tyne magistrates and banned from Euro 96 matches. Three others were held in custody. Seven, charged with violent disorder have police bail on condition that they keep away from Euro 96.

on top of the situation but how can they stop two sets of people fighting? If we are stopped on match day then we will meet the next day or the next. You cannot patrol every street in every town 24 hours a day. We have been looking forward to this for too long to be stopped."

Neil, who works on a market stall, said: "There is no way we are going to let foreigners come over here and think they can do us. We are playing at home and have nothing to lose. Of course some of us are going to be nicked but we will be out in time for the next game and the next fight. It's not like playing abroad when you can be deported and it's difficult to get back into the country."

"People don't realise how important this is to us. We are defending our country and we are proud of that. The Dutch, Germans and Italians are the main threat, but there are just too many of us. It doesn't matter what weapons they bring, they can't do us all."

Peter, 30, a Millwall supporter who now lives in Manchester, used to be deeply involved with the club's Bushwhacker gang and is coming out of retirement for Euro 96. "Some people enjoy gardening or fishing," he said. "I like fighting."



Margaret Scott-Bruce with Poppy. Vets said a human pacemaker was the terrier's only chance of survival

NHS leftovers snapped up to save sick pets

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

PETS are being given second-hand human pacemakers as veterinary science comes under increasing pressure to harness medical advances and keep animals alive regardless of cost.

Poppy, a six-year-old cairn bitch, is at the vanguard of a revolution which has brought body scans to cats, dentistry to rabbits and hip replacements to arthritic dogs. Poppy, the pet of Ronald and Margaret Scott-Bruce, was given a chance of life by John Sauvage, a leading vet, who uses redundant pacemakers from humans. They cost thousands of pounds to buy for people and are usually scrapped. Mr Sauvage said: "Most hospitals are very keen when they hear a dog might need a pacemaker and just give us the unit."

Pacemakers have to be replaced regularly in humans and are removed from corpses in case they explode during cremation. Either way, the old pacemaker

could end up inside a pet. The Scott-Bruces, from Tonbridge, Kent, are thrilled with Poppy's progress after nine days in hospital and a bill of £1,500. "She was the runt of the litter," said Mr Scott-Bruce, 59, a railway travel adviser. "We took pity on her because we thought no one else would want her. She is now the size of a normal cairn and one would never know."

When Poppy was two, it suffered from coughing fits and collapsed up to 20 times a day. After a seizure almost killed it, the Scott-Bruces were told that only a pacemaker could cure the dog's erratic heartbeat. It was put into a magnetic resonance imaging scanner at the Centre for Small Animal Studies in Newmarket, allowing vets instantly to identify the problem.

"She's been perfect since the operation, fitter than me," Mr Scott-Bruce said. The couple had veterinary insurance.



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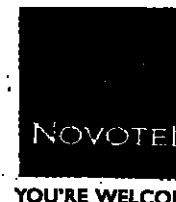
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£24,000 cost of teenagers who stay in education

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

PARENTS who think their financial worries are coming to an end when their children reach their late teens could not be more wrong, according to research published today.

Most parents will have to find at least £24,000 to support their children between the ages of 16 and 21 and, in some cases, the bill can be as high as £66,000. The school leaving age used to signal the moment when the majority of teenagers were expected to start earning and contribute to the family budget, but with most staying on at school or college, and a third going on to higher education, the years of dependence have been extended.

Of more than half a million 16-year-olds, fewer than 100,000 now leave school and go into full-time employment.

The remainder are either in education, on training programmes or are unemployed: all continuing to rely on parents for financial support.

By the age of 18, many have left home to go to university, but the declining value of government grants has left parents still contributing thousands of pounds. The survey shows that parents spend an average of £2,640 on their student sons and daughters, while some add a further £1,040 for student loans.

Parents of a typical teenager will now pick up the bill for driving lessons, a first car and holidays. At the same time, food costs rise, insurance soars and the telephone bill goes through the roof.

A survey commissioned by the Asda supermarket chain

found that the majority of teenagers brought in some money, if only from part-time jobs or child benefit, but most of the financial burden was shouldered by parents. Even the low-cost option, without luxuries such as birthday parties, a car or higher education, sets parents back more than £7,500 over the five years.

The research, carried out by Jan Walsh, a consumer specialist, is based on a panel of parents from varying backgrounds with costs verified through national statistics. The bulk of the extra spending for the typical family comes in increased household bills, including more than £1,000 a year for food, but educational costs account for a growing share of the budget.

Parents expect to spend between £60 and £200 a year on birthday and Christmas presents, at least £450 on driving lessons and some add £900 to equip a teenager with a mobile phone. For the third who go to university, the average contribution to maintenance costs is £2,400.

Inevitably, spending varies. The report assumes, for example, that teenagers opt out of family holidays, but some are expected to meet most of the costs of an alternative themselves. High earners, however, will pay up to £500 a year towards the costs.

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Christmas/birthday gifts	700	1,050
Birthday parties	150	517
Clothing & parties	1,815	3,629
Toiletries	570	636
Contact lenses/solution	0	575
University fees	2,640	17,400
Student loans	0	1,040
Food	5,463	7,259
Holidays	517	2,274
Electricity	340.45	588.25
House contents insurance	963.55	5,600.90
Mortgage	8,962	13,446
Sub total	25,542.90	67,812.85
Child benefit bonus	1,081.60	1,622.40
TOTAL	24,461.30	66,190.45

Young give up British beef

NEARLY half of teenagers have stopped eating British beef since the latest BSE scare, a study has found.

The research indicated that seven out of ten teenagers had lost confidence in British beef since a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease was disclosed. Five of the 11 sufferers linked to the new strain have been under 20. The

Government's advisory group said CJD was a rare disease and the risk of contracting it via beef in the food chain was believed to be extremely low.

The survey found, however, that 72 per cent of teenagers were worried about British beef and 47 per cent had stopped eating it. Nearly 23 per cent were eating less beef and 4 per cent had stopped

eating meat altogether. Forty-one per cent said they would still eat beefburgers.

The survey was carried out for *Watchdog Healthcheck* on BBC1 tonight. Researchers interviewed 430 teenagers in Merthyr Tydfil, Dover, Newcastle upon Tyne, London and Glasgow.

One of the hottest live shows of the year, the

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Rock fans see outdoor festivals as good value for money, but promoters are expecting profit margins of more than 10 per cent this season

Fans cheer rock festival revival as profits roll in

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A RENAISSANCE in open-air rock music festivals is expected to attract more than 750,000 people this summer to a dozen big events. Promoters expect a turnover exceeding £20 million.

To the dismay of some rural communities, vast tracts of the countryside from Loch Lomond to Brighton will fret and heave to generations of fans following artists such as David Bowie, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and the Sex Pistols to Oasis and Prodigy.

The season kicked off this weekend with the Essential Music Festival at Stanmer Park, Brighton, with 10,000 a day heading for the rolling hills of the South Downs for the three-day event which ends tonight. Today's reggae day will be headlined by Burning Spear after sell-out crowds on Saturday and yesterday braved the rain to listen to Goldie, the Prodigy, Underworld, Echobelly, the Lightning Seeds and Menswear.

One of the hottest live shows of the year, the

MasterCard Masters of Music Concert, will be on June 29 in Hyde Park. The first rock show there since 1976. Harvey Goldsmith, the promoter, said: "There is a whole revival in the music industry, from classic to rock. There was a three or four-year lean period with nothing decipherable coming out, but now things are really healthy."

Despite the sound of silence for the first time in 25 years this summer at Glastonbury, normally the biggest open-air event of its kind, the season will break all records. Tickets range from £8 to £65 for the bigger festivals, with big business promoters expecting a profit margin of more than 10 per cent, according to industry sources.

In the wake of their growing revival, rock festivals are attracting political muscle, opprobrium and delight in equal measure. Some 80,000 fans have presented Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, with one of the more difficult decisions of his career: whether to approve

two Oasis concerts in a conservation area beside Loch Lomond. Tickets for the event on August 3 and 4 have been sold before planning permission has been granted.

If Mr Forsyth refuses, it could cost the Conservatives a large tranche of the youth vote: if he agrees, he risks upsetting rural voters near his Stirling constituency, where his majority is 703.

Angry residents, fearing damage to a wildlife haven and their own peace of mind, have complained to West

Dumbartonshire Council, which stands to gain £70,000 from the concerts. Its planning committee will make a decision on June 5.

Meanwhile Michael Eavis, the Somerset farmer on whose land the Glastonbury festival is held, is suspending the event this year amid claims that it would harm his chances as prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for Wells.

Mr Eavis maintains that the cows, the farm and the village need a rest from the

100,000 fans who attend. Locals agree.

Melvyn Benn, festival director of the leading promoters Mean Fiddler, which is running the Phoenix festival at Stratford-upon-Avon, said: "The popularity of these events is largely down to the value for money. I rarely pay less than £20 to watch Manchester United play football for 90 minutes. But you can get eight hours' entertainment for that sort of money."

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THE LEADING FESTIVALS THIS SEASON

- 1 Tribal Gathering: Otmoor Park, Oxfordshire; postponed from May 4 - new date to be announced; Black Grape, Chemical Brothers
- 2 May 25-27, Essential Music Festival: Stanmer Park, Brighton; 70 acts on two stages; featuring Prodigy, Underworld, The Alchemist
- 3 June 8 The Fleadh: Finsbury Park, London; Sting, and much Irish music
- 4 June 29, MasterCard Masters of Music Concert: Hyde Park, London; Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan
- 5 July 13-14, T in the Park: Strathclyde Country Park, Hamilton; Black Grape, Radiohead
- 6 July 18-21, Phoenix Festival: Long Marston, Stratford-upon-Avon; David Bowie, Sex Pistols, Bjork, Manic Street Preachers
- 7 July 19 to 21, WOMAD: on the banks of the Thames at Rivermead Leisure Centre, Reading; a world music event with 50 artists from 20 countries
- 8 August 3 to 4, Loch Lomond Festival: Balloch Country Park, Loch Lomond; Oasis (to be confirmed)
- 9 August 10, Oasis: Knobworth Park, Herts
- 10 August 17, Monsters of Rock: Donnington Park, Leicestershire
- 11 August 23 to 25, Reading Festival; line-up to be announced

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Major questions defence of faith

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND JAMES LANDALE

BUCKINGHAM Palace and Downing Street denied yesterday that the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister were at odds over the future monarch's wish to be seen as "defender of faith" rather than "Defender of the Faith".

John Major had said that for the Prince to be defender of faith might be seen as an "empty gesture" by people of the faith concerned. The Palace emphasised that the Prince had not said he wished to be "defender of faith". Two years ago, the Prince told Jonathan Dimbleby in an interview that he wanted to be seen as "defender of faith".

Martin Bashir, the journalist responsible for the *Panorama* interview with the Prince of Wales, interviewed Mr Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown for an edition of BBC2's *East*, to be broadcast this week, in which Asian viewers put questions via a video link. A Glasgow man asks Mr Major: "Would you

be happy for the Prince of Wales to be titled defender of faiths rather than Defender of the Faith when he succeeds to the throne?" Mr Major replies: "I think we would want as a Government and as a country to defend the integrity of all faiths... but I think it would be a little odd if Prince Charles was defender of faiths of which he was not a member."

But Dr Jonathan Romain, Reform rabbi of Maidenhead Synagogue, said that Mr Major was wrong to see the Prince's wish as an empty gesture. "Prince Charles is recognising the change in the religious climate in Britain, which is now a multi-faith society."

Dr Zaki Badawi, head of the Muslim College, said: "The Prince's declaration expresses his desire that the Crown should extend a respect and dignity to all faiths, as the people of those faiths would also regard the Crown with loyalty and respect."

Archbishops call for church peace

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called on members of Church of England, split over women priests and homosexuality, to ease their differences in the name of Christian unity.

The Archbishop of York, Dr Hope, preaching today at the annual pilgrimage to the traditional Anglican shrine at Walsingham, Norfolk, says it is vital for the future of the Church that divisive issues be resolved, but resolved with patience instead of selfishness. Dr Hope is expected to face a barrage of protests in the village. Critics of the pilgrimage oppose the Catholic ritual of High Churchmanship, especially over devotions paid to the Virgin Mary.

The Anglican shrine, which co-exists peacefully with a Roman Catholic shrine, has been a heartland of opposition to women priests for decades. Dr Hope, regarded as leader of the Church's Anglican

Catholics, is expected to point out today that the Church has been beset by argument from its earliest days: "While we ought never to minimise those things which keep us apart, it is equally vital for the sake of the Christian mission that we seek to make common cause on the very truth on which this shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is established — the Incarnation."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, preaching last night in Los Angeles, said: "Learning to live with differences and love one another is what Christ has always called us to do." He urged members not to "walk away from one another" when difficulties loomed.

Earlier, Dr Carey said the nature of the Anglican Church meant that it carried structured dissent within it: "We are a communion which has internalised disagreement and lives with it gladly, most of the time."

Royal blues are a healthy concern

It would be an unusually phlegmatic and insensitive boy who at the age of 13 did not have some apprehension about the task of continuing a tradition that has lasted for more than 1,000 years. Prince William, who is reported as expressing such doubts, has an intelligent and sensitive face and is at the age when someone has lost the sociopathic personality of a young child, so well exposed in William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*, but has not yet acquired the assurance and maturity of later adolescence.

If Prince William questions his role as the future King this would seem to be perfectly normal and compatible with his personality. Within three weeks, let alone three years, any adolescent is likely to have totally different views, for their minds are complex and malleable so that their opinions, and importantly those of their peers, are constantly changing as their intellects mature and they gain



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confidence. There are other adolescents, however, who do show signs of disturbed behaviour which can be difficult to diagnose. This difficulty results in adolescent behavioural problems either being over-diagnosed, and causing unnecessary family dismay, or under-diagnosed, and therefore ignored.

An ordinary adolescent may seem to parents to have ill-considered views, but holding a poorly researched opinion is rarely a psychiatric symptom. Most adolescents are disruptive but this is usually a normal stage and no more than an expression of growing independence. The clue to the normality in any adolescent's behaviour is to see how it compares with the

behaviour of the majority of his or her peer group. Adolescents who show evidence of psychiatric symptoms rarely grow up to be assimilated members of society. Unless they are skilfully treated they will probably graduate from the child guidance clinic to psychiatric outpatients.

Hypomania — the minor form of mania — is exceedingly rare in childhood but depression is seen more often, and both depression and hypomania are diagnosed comparatively often after puberty. Depression in adolescents, and even younger children, is usually noticed because they become withdrawn and lose pleasure in things that previously brought them happiness. Depressed adolescents

lose their appetite, ability to sleep and their self-esteem, and feel more unloved and misunderstood than other teenagers.

Adolescents, like some adults, find it hard to accept that physical symptoms are often a sign of depression. In adolescents, headaches, abdominal pain, tiredness and heavy limbs may all be symptoms. Suicide is a risk but, although its incidence is increasing, particularly among boys, it is not yet common.

Childhood and adolescent disorders usually need drug therapy and expert psychiatric guidance, often a change of environment may be needed, but sermons from their elders do not help. In adolescents with a family history of psychiatric disease, care must be taken to minimise stress, including that associated with examinations.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Majorca claims children caught meningitis at home

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN MADRID AND
ALEXANDRA WILLIAMS

A GIRL, aged five from Merseyside, Michaela Leyland, is critically ill with meningitis in a hospital on Majorca. Medical sources at Palma's Son Dureta Hospital, the island's largest, said yesterday that her condition was "extremely grave".

"She is battling for her life," a doctor said.

Local doctors insist that it is

"most unlikely" that Michaela contracted the illness on the island. She has been diagnosed as suffering from meningococcal septicaemia, for which, they argue, the incubation period can be up to ten days, suggesting that she contracted the disease before leaving Britain. Yet the case, the fourth in a week involving young foreign tourists in Majorca has provoked fear among holidaymakers.

Two of the cases proved fatal. Christopher Richards, 13, from Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex,

died last Monday in Ca'n Picafort. An 11-year-old German girl at the resort died last Tuesday.

Thomas O'Neill, three, from Leeds, who was diagnosed as suffering from the illness in Magaluf, was released from hospital after responding to treatment.

The local health authorities, reacting to growing panic among tourists with young children, have tried to dispel their fears. Ginés Martínez Pina, the Director-General of Health in the Government, denied on Saturday that there was

an epidemic. "The meningitis was not contracted here," he said. Other officials insisted that the strain has been "imported from Britain".

Bartomeu Cabrer, the Government's health councillor, insists that all the evidence points to the fact that each of the four children so far infected already had the illness when they arrived in Majorca.

Local health authorities say urgent steps have been taken through the Ministry of Health in Madrid to co-operate with health authorities in Britain, particularly on

Merseyside, so that the "root of the problem" can be traced.

With the meningitis scare coming at a busy period for the travel industry operators in Britain were yesterday attempting to allay fears to minimise cancellations. An Airtrav spokesman said: "We have set up a helpline in Britain to deal with the concerns of those travelling soon... until their fears are put to rest we will continue to provide this service. All the expert medical advice tells us that Majorca is safe and, until we hear

otherwise, we will continue to send holiday makers there."

The spokesman said four parties had cancelled their holidays since last Wednesday but there was no evidence that any tourists had cut short their holidays, adding: "Over the weekend we had 5,000 Britons in Majorca for the Bank Holiday."

John Dolan, 38, Thomas O'Neill's uncle, told yesterday how the boy became ill two days before the family was due to fly home after a two-week holiday. The boy had travelled to Majorca with his

parents, Steven, 36, and Maureen, 33, his brother and another uncle.

"He fell ill on the Thursday and the following day was much worse, with vomiting and shaking," Mr Dolan said.

"He was taken into an international hospital in Palma. An hour after he got there his heart stopped and he was put in intensive care in a critical condition."

"He's a heck of a lucky kid. The odds were against him and they didn't expect him to pull through on Friday night," Mr Dolan said.

Adultery scandal returns to plague Netanyahu on TV

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S lacklustre election campaign exploded into life last night when Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, the right-wing challenger, agreed for the first time that he had been wrong to go on television in 1993 to admit adultery. He alleged that political rivals had videotaped him in "compromising romantic situations" with a woman other than his third wife, Sara.

There are some doubts that the videotape, which he said rivals had threatened to release unless he dropped out of the race for the Likud leadership, exists. David Levy, the rival he implied was behind the threat, is now a political ally.

The public revival of the scandal came during a 30-minute televised debate with his one opponent for the directly elected post of Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, the Labour leader. Pollsters believe that public reaction to the debate will be crucial in determining the outcome of Wednesday's vote, with both men running neck-and-neck



and most polls showing Mr Peres with a precarious lead of only four percentage points that could be wiped out by a single suicide bomb attack by Islamic militants.

During the televised debate, Mr Netanyahu, 46, the Likud leader once voted Israel's sexiest politician, tried to shrug off the slur of what one Israeli commentator described as "the sex, lies and videotape affair". Likud officials fear that the affair could lose him vital votes among ultra-Orthodox Jews in whose neighbourhoods his political enemies have put up campaign posters bearing the injunction: "Do

not commit adultery." In the debate, Mr Netanyahu was asked by Dan Margalit, a journalist: "The incident of the tape and admitting adultery on national television — what does this say about your ability to make decisions under pressure?"

The Likud leader, whose election would probably lead to the collapse of the Middle East peace process and whose advisers have been struggling to rebuild his image as a family man, replied: "Regarding that affair [with Ruth Bar, a married political consultant], I expressed deep regret. It hurt me. It hurt my wife."

Mr Netanyahu added: "People here live in fear. The whole country lives in fear. If you pay attention, you may notice that this whole campaign has been an attack on my personality, on my family, my patriotism."

This last remark referred to allegations, backed by documents printed in the daily newspaper *Masaru*, that in America Mr Netanyahu had changed his name to "Nityay", allegedly because at one stage he might have been thinking of living in America. Mr Netanyahu, regarded as Israel's most skilful television performer, denied that.

Mr Peres was also subjected to strict questioning. Israel's little-discussed nuclear arsenal — a topic normally subjected to military censorship — was brought into the debate when Mr Margalit said to the Prime Minister: "You have said that for a real peace, you are willing to give up Israel's nuclear option."

Mr Peres said that this allegation and a charge that he had admitted that the Golan Heights, occupied in 1967, was "Syrian land" were merely "quotes from newspapers". His reply on the nuclear issue was cut off by the bell used when either candidate had gone over the time allotted.

Crowds cheer defiant Suu Kyi

FROM REUTERS
IN RANGOON

THE Burmese opposition vowed yesterday to increase the pace of its struggle for democracy as thousands turned out to support it on the first day of a controversial party meeting.

Aung San Suu Kyi, the National League for Democracy's leader, told about 10,000 cheering people outside her Rangoon home that the party would not bend to pressure from the military Government, but would push ahead towards its goal of democracy.

"Giving in to bullying is not good for... the bully or those who are bullied," she told her chanting supporters. "We must have the courage to face the bully's challenge. I am very pleased and satisfied to see the people have real courage."

Daw Suu Kyi spoke after the first day of a three-day party meeting which the ruling military-led State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slorc) tried to scuttle by arresting most of the elected politicians due to attend. Instead of being cowed by 258 arrests, including 238 elected party representatives, Daw Suu Kyi said at the opening ceremony that the meeting was only the first in a series of party gatherings to chart the course of its campaign.

She told a news conference later that the party hoped to hold a meeting of all members elected in the 1990 polls, once they were freed from detention. Slorc says it has not



Aung San Suu Kyi waves to supporters. "The people have real courage," she said

arrested party activists but only detained them for questioning to avoid "anarchy".

Most South-East Asian states have kept an official silence on Burma's crackdown, in contrast to the protests voiced by Britain, America, Australia and Japan.

Daw Suu Kyi said her party plans a more active future. "We need to have the right to do more. We'll have to create opportunities... the authorities tried very hard to prevent us from holding this conference, but we were determined to go ahead with it."

Daw Suu Kyi, 1991 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, has emphasised patience and moderation since her release in July from six years' house arrest. She said the campaign must now be stepped up.

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Mandela proclaims need for sell-offs

FROM RAY KENNEDY
IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela has set the stage for a fierce dispute with organised labour after he announced on his return from a visit to Germany that privatisation of state assets is a fundamental pillar of government policy.

He discarded the phrase "reconstruction of parastatals" used by the Government to mollify the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu). On his return to South Africa on Friday, he said: "Privatisation is the fundamental policy of the ANC and it is going to be implemented. The responsibility for creating an investor and trade-friendly environment is for us to take."

Mr Mandela was made aware during his three-day German visit that international investor confidence in South Africa can be restored only if his Government adopts a neutral position in relations with both labour and employers.

Today Cosatu is to announce decisions taken at a weekend meeting of its executive. Sam Shilowa, its general secretary, made it plain at a World Economic Forum meeting in Cape Town last week that it views privatisation with total hostility, on the ground that it would perpetuate the effects of apartheid by failing to redress the inequitable distribution of wealth.

Trevor Manuel, the Finance Minister, emphasised yesterday that privatisation would take place after a detailed case-by-case analysis.

Blessings and curses rain down on voters

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

SOME of Israel's most important religious parties have been attempting to weave a spell on the country's elections, offering amulets, blessings and curses to influence the vote.

The issue created such a dispute between the parties that it led to the blessings and curses being banned by the Central Elections Committee.

Of the religious parties, Shas and the National Religious Party are the most important. Shas, which is supported by a large number of Jews of Oriental extraction, could maintain its current

representation of six seats while the NRP could increase its number to seven.

During the campaign Shas is said to have distributed up to 150,000 election kits with the blessing of a cabalist (Jewish mystical) rabbi. The kits contained amulets and memorial candles, bringing blessings and protection from terrorists. On the other hand, those who do not vote for Shas were cursed.

The NRP dismissed the Shas kits as "idol worship", but decided to take no chances and issued their own "undoing vows".

Cyprus poll dominated by division

Nicosia: Greeks in Cyprus voted yesterday in elections dominated by Greece's dispute with Turkey over the island which, after 22 years, is at last attracting interest on both sides of the Atlantic (Michael Theodorou writes).

The most important new element is Cyprus's looming accession to the EU. Entry talks are to begin next year and Brussels is alarmed by the prospect of having to usher in a divided country. America is concerned because the dispute potentially affects Nato.

Chinese to free senior official

Hong Kong: Bao Tong, once one of China's highest ranking officials, who was jailed after Tiananmen, will be released today after seven years (Jonathan Mirsky writes). He was secretary to the Politburo Standing Committee and, in 1989, was chief of staff to Zhao Ziyang, the party general secretary, who has been under house arrest during Mr Bao's detention.

New Indian poll 'a matter of time'

Delhi: The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, sworn in 11 days ago to form the next Indian Government, has admitted that it is likely to lose a vote of confidence this week. Its leader, Lal Krishna Advani, said fresh elections "were only a matter of time" after polls this month resulted in a hung parliament. (Reuters)

Queen snubbed over Olympics

Sydney: Bob Carr, Premier of New South Wales, has said the Queen will not be welcome to open the 2000 Olympics (Roger Maynard writes). The Premier, who has no power to exclude the Queen, has not ruled out inviting Australia's Governor-General.

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Chechenia failures force Yeltsin to peace table

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FROM THOMAS DE WAAL
IN ALLEROI, CHECHENIA

WHEN President Yeltsin receives today the leader of the Chechen rebels — or "bandits" as he has called them in the past — it will be a tacit acknowledgement that he has failed to crush the separatist rebellion by military means.

Finding a solution to the war in Chechenia has become the most urgent policy priority for Mr Yeltsin as he approaches the June 16 presidential elections, because the 17-month-old war continues to be deeply unpopular in Russia.

A peace plan announced on March 31 by the President has failed to bring any conspicuous results and Mr Yeltsin has decided to take the matter publicly out of the hands of his generals, entrusting it to his own personally appointed peace commission.

Today Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the rebel leader, will be accompanied from the southern hills of Chechenia to the gates of the Kremlin by the head of the Grozny mission of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. The talks will focus on a long-term military truce and avoid the thorny question of Chechenia's political status.

In public the Russian authorities have puffed up their huge spring offensive in Chechenia. Yesterday the top Russian commander in Chechenia, Vyacheslav Tikhonov, said the rebels' stronghold in the village of Barnut had fallen to his forces and a "turning point" had been reached in the war.

But the authorities fail to announce that the bases they have "captured", like the mountain village of Vedeno, are often quietly retaken by the Chechen rebels days or



Folk singers surround a campaigning Boris Yeltsin in the city of Archangel

weeks later. And they report casualty rates that do not match the intensity of the fighting on the ground.

In the wooded valleys of southeast Chechenia there are no Russian soldiers to be seen at all. Khunkar Israiplov, the man who led the defence of the village of Pervomaiskoye in January against a huge Russian bombardment, receives visitors openly in his mother's

house in the village of Alleroi. "Any plot of land that they take has to be captured again and again," he said. "They went up to Vedeno and now they have to fight their way back there."

Another fighter, Hussein, said: "I always carry my weapons when I go through a checkpoint. The soldiers just turn away. No one wants any shooting."

The Chechens say they have been forced to take up new tactics, choosing lightning raids in preference to open battles. They say small units of fighters have infiltrated everywhere, including the capital, Grozny, which can take the Russians by surprise. The strategy plays to their strengths: knowledge of the terrain and high mobility. One such attack on an

armoured column on April 16 in the Shatoi region, in which about 100 conscripts were killed, created a political storm in Moscow and led to calls in parliament for Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, to resign.

Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechens' supreme commander, said his men had staged an even more devastating ambush earlier in the year

in the Vedeno valley, destroying 66 pieces of Russian armour and killing dozens of soldiers. He claimed that it was not reported in Russia because the victims were contract soldiers, not conscripts, and the news was suppressed.

"Beginning with Grozny, we have used a tactic of positional defence, holding back the enemy as much as possible at a certain line," Colonel Mask-

hadov explained. "As soon as the Russian forces reached the line, we went back, seized what they had just captured and began to fight from the rear. The Russian forces were forced to retreat and we again occupied our positions. And it's exactly the same now. They go up, we withdraw, again occupy territory which they have captured and strike blows on them from the rear,

the left and the right." The Russian policy this spring has been to bomb and shell ordinary Chechen villages and force them to sign "peace agreements" and expel their fighters.

The brutality appears only to have intensified hatred of the Russians, seen everywhere as an occupying army.

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THINKING THE UNTHINKABLE... WHAT IF THE COMMUNISTS WIN?

Throughout the world foreign ministries, defence experts, think-tanks and financiers are pondering the outcome of Russia's election beginning on June 16. With President Yeltsin and the Communist party leader Gennadi Zyuganov running neck-and-neck they are forced to ask what will happen if the Communists return to power? The Times's correspondents give some of their answers.

MOSCOW	WASHINGTON	NATO	LONDON	EUROPE
Are we back to the Cold War? Russia's Communists insist that they do not want confrontation with the West, although their stated policies put them on a collision course with their Cold War adversaries. The flashpoint will be in Eastern Europe. The Communists, whose ideology is as nationalist as it is socialist, would regard a Nato move eastwards as a direct threat. The Kremlin will create a military alliance among former Soviet republics. Espionage would almost certainly increase and the Baltic states could become a tinderbox. Although they do not intend to export Marxist revolution, the Communists would restore friendly diplomatic relations and military ties with countries like Iraq, Cuba, India and China.	Will President Clinton be the man who 'lost' Russia? Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, would certainly strive to pin that label on the President. He would accuse Mr Clinton of squandering America's Cold War victory. But Mr Dole has not said what he would have done differently and Mr Clinton has if anything been too supportive of President Yeltsin. He has listened to NATO summits, engineered big international loans, and proceeded cautiously on Nato expansion. In Moscow last month Mr Clinton even blamed Mr Yeltsin's brutal suppression of Chechenia's refusal to let the South secede.	How will Nato react? Nato has no contingency programme to return to Cold War planning if Mr Zyuganov becomes the next Russian President. But some key issues have been discussed within the alliance, with the following conclusions: Nato's plans to offer alliance membership to East European countries would not be delayed. They could even be accelerated. The return of a Communist leader in Moscow would provoke a renewed sense of insecurity in the Baltic states and Poland, and the United States and Germany, in particular, would come under domestic political pressure to "spend up the process" of expansion.	What will Britain do? A Communist victory would freeze the close relationship Britain has built up with Russia. It could lead to a cut in the Know-How Fund, which would discourage British investment and upset plans in the City for financing Russian oil and gas pipelines. Britain would have to make a choice between military and economic links with Central and Eastern Europe. Exchanges of civil servants and financial experts might be curtailed.	Who in Western Europe will be hardest hit? Historically, it is Germany which has most to lose. Any instability in Russia would have serious repercussions for two-way trade, worth more than £10 billion a year. German computers and machine tools have been helping to modernise Russia, while Russian oil and gas have helped the German economy. Neither country has much incentive to jeopardise such mutually beneficial ties.
Is this the end of reform? The Communists would curtail press freedoms and crack down on political opponents. They have made it clear that they would abandon free market policies. Some banks would be nationalised and some loss-making enterprises returned to government control. Mass arrests and banning travel abroad might be forcibly resisted by the younger generation. Remodelling the economy would lead to a further flight of capital, swelling inflation and would destroy the multi-billion pound IMF loan package. Resolving private property could spark civil war.	Will the Soviet Empire return? The Communists plan to recreate the former Soviet Empire and reintegrate most of the 15 former republics. Some would resist and threaten to drag the West into war.	What is the future of arms control? Ratification by the Russian parliament of the START 2 nuclear missile reduction treaty would probably be delayed even further. However, Mr Zyuganov would be unable to fund Russia's current huge defence budget. He would be expected to proceed with the proposed cutback in weapons.	What is the future of international terrorism? In diplomacy, Britain will no longer be able to count on Russia as a reliable Security Council partner. The West is likely to exchange information on key world issues: the Middle East, Bosnia and nuclear non-proliferation. There could be increased concern at the threat to former Soviet republics, especially Ukraine. Russia may step up nuclear co-operation with Iran and other states. Ideological competition might be encouraged. The Russian Army's poor performance in Chechenia has demonstrated that a Communist victory would mean a security and Central Europe's new democracies.	What will happen to Western investment? Much depends on what Gennadi Zyuganov intends to do. During a meeting with German businessmen earlier this month, Mr Zyuganov insisted that while he was against further privatisation, Russia would remain open to investment levels. A new military threat from the East could also after the French defence budget, while accelerating France's re-integration into Nato.
				What will happen to Europe's aid programme? European Union aid to help Russia in the transition to a market economy, worth some \$250 million since 1991, and a further \$250 million by 2000 — one of the biggest multi-lateral aid programmes of its kind — would probably be put on ice. This would have immediate repercussions in the banking, public service, nuclear and environmental sectors where most of the EU's aid is concentrated. But Brussels officials are convinced that any disruption in this would only be temporary.

UN issues warning over growth in urban poverty

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BY 2025 more than two-thirds of the world's population will live in cities, many of them sprawling Third World conurbations with more than 20 million people, and be suffering from poverty, crime, health hazards and acute housing shortages.

The world's cities are growing by a million people each week. Despite increasing investment, more than a third of the urban population lives in substandard housing and at least 600 million people — half of them children — live in life-threatening situations. About 50,000 people die a year because of poor shelter, polluted water and bad sanitation.

The United Nations has released the figures in the run-up to next week's conference on housing and shelter in Istanbul. The gathering is the sixth in the series of UN conferences on poverty, popu-

lation, human rights and the environment, and follows those held in Rio de Janeiro, Vienna, Cairo, Peking and Copenhagen.

Women and girls account for 70 per cent of the estimated 1.3 billion people living in poverty, and are the most rapidly growing group of the impoverished. Their health is often damaged by smoke from cooking fires, and women have no more rights than squatters in parts of the world where they cannot own or inherit land.

Wally N'Dow, the Secretary-General of Habitat II, as the conference is called, said urban poverty was not a North-South issue: there were problems in London and New York, just as there were in the Third World.

Local authorities will play a key role at the Istanbul conference, which starts next Mon-

day, drawing up "best practice" recommendations. Argument is still raging, however, on whether the delegates should call for "sustainable" development in cities or "sustainable" economic growth. Calls for housing to be declared a right — the line taken by most developing nations — also beg the question about who is to pay for provision.

Britain's delegation will be led by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. The Government will underline the importance of non-governmental organisations and the private sector can have in tackling city development, urban poverty and shanty-town clearance.

□ Peking: China issued new rules yesterday to limit the expansion of its cities and to save land from development in the economic boom. The authorities are concerned that the land is needed to feed the world's biggest population. The Xinhua news agency said that the new guidelines were issued by the State Council.

China is trying to feed one-fifth of the world's population on one-seventh of its arable land. Officials said that China would have 800 cities by the end of the century, compared with 640 at present. (Reuters)

German minister hounded

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

GERMANY'S Agriculture Minister — one of the toughest critics of Britain's beef policies — came under political pressure to resign yesterday after allegations that he had used public funds for weekend hunting trips in Spain.

Jürgen Borchert, a gaunt bespectacled figure who has been calling the tune in European agriculture ministers' meetings on a range of issues including the beef ban, is a passionate hunter. That may prove to be his downfall.

"If the accusations are true then Borchert should resign," Ottmar Schreiner, the Social Democratic deputy leading the attack, said yesterday.

The rumours have been circulating in Bonn for ten days and were made public in the mass circulation *Bild am Sonntag* yesterday. According to the newspaper, Herr Borchert, Franz-Josef Feiler, his state secretary, and their wives flew in a Luftwaffe jet to Córdoba early last year. The official pretext was to discuss European matters. However, the trip was arranged for a Friday afternoon and they were soon joined by Spanish ministers in a hunt for an Iberian mountain goat.

Tears of joy as Bulgarian King returns home after 50 years

BY ADAM LEBOR

THE ecstatic welcome that hundreds of thousands of Bulgarians gave King Simeon II, who returned at the weekend after 50 years in exile, is testament to the enduring power of the monarchy over Marxism in Eastern Europe.

The Habsburg throne in Vienna that once ruled half a continent stands empty and the family's neighbours in Bulgaria and Romania are now mere figureheads in exile. King Simeon in Madrid and King Michael of Romania in Switzerland. However, even

after four decades of communism, an ideology that is the very antithesis of royal privilege through birth, both remain powerful figureheads in the lands where their forefathers held sway.

King Simeon, 59, returned to Sofia on Saturday, having fled Bulgaria as a child in 1946 when the victorious Soviet Army installed a puppet Communist regime. Joyous Bulgarians mobbed him yesterday when he toured the capital's Orthodox churches.

Opinion polls say that fewer

than 20 per cent of Bulgarians want the monarchy restored, but at least as many Bulgarians came out to welcome the King as took part in the pro-democracy demonstrations of 1989.

Simeon says he is still King, as he has never abdicated, claiming, probably rightly, that the 1946 referendum that declared Bulgaria a republic was rigged by the pro-Moscow Communist Government. There was no live coverage of his arrival, but the Saturday night news bulletins did mention his visit, referring to him as Simeon Coburgovski, the name on his passport.

The Sunday newspapers showed photographs of King Simeon overcome by tears of joy as he greeted the jubilant crowds. Many of those who turned out for him were elderly and able to remember the monarchy when it still ruled this small Balkan nation of almost nine million people.

The royal reception will have sent tremors through Sofia's corridors of power. Bulgaria's economy is in a parlous state, organised crime has a stranglehold on the country, and alone among the post-Communist nations of Eastern Europe, Bulgarians are once again queuing to buy bread.



King Simeon II attends church in Sofia yesterday

Albanian polling extended

FROM REUTERS
IN TIRANA

ALBANIA extended voting in the former Communist state's third free election by two hours yesterday as queues formed at polling stations for the tight race between the ruling conservatives and opposition Socialists.

Witnesses said voting was brisk and likely to meet the expected turnout of about 80 per cent. Queues appeared at polling stations in the capital, Tirana, soon after doors opened. The ruling Democratic Party said that about 42 per cent of voters had cast their ballot by early afternoon.

The extension came half way through the first stage of the two-round vote. The second round will be held next Sunday in constituencies where no candidate wins more than half the vote.

Streets were unusually quiet and the atmosphere appeared calm, despite a bitter month-long campaign in which Democrats and Socialists accused each other of intimidation and violence. Communications remain primitive in Albania and it may take some time for all the results to reach Tirana. About 2.2 million Albanians are eligible to vote for 24 registered parties.

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Indecision rules as Euro-worrier Major pins his colours to the mast

The Conservative Party "is finished. It's all over." The man delivering this stern obituary was a senior German diplomat and he was sitting on the beach at Cannes during last summer's European Union summit. He did not sound too distressed by the end of British Toryism.

Chaos reigned at the time in the Conservative Party because John Major had put himself up for re-election as the party's leader only a few days before arriving on the Riviera. As we sat watching the yachts bobbing in the bay, I tried to explain to my



IN EUROPE

German acquaintance that our political parties rarely go under because their deep roots and Britain's voting system have created resilient institutions.

The Tory party, I told him.

is having a nervous breakdown over Europe: such crises are serious, but not usually fatal. The man from Bonn was not convinced: he clung to the unspoken hope that the Tories might split and that the Euro-sceptics he hates might disappear down the plughole of history.

Some hope. The Prime Minister has plunged the EU into one of its phases when domestic politics dominate. For all the claims that we are now "ruled from Brussels", the EU system wholly depends on national governments and national political systems. In the hope of "reparating" some of his lost

influence, Mr Major will try to use the EU to strengthen his hand at home.

Last week he basked in compliments paid to his decisiveness. The Prime Minister, in the eyes of his backbenchers, may have finally got a grip, seized the time and pinned his colours to the mast. But he has made no decision of any importance affecting the EU's future. Indecision rules, as before.

A European fault-line runs not between the Tories and Labour but through both parties. But in the Cabinet a split has developed between the needs of national strategy and what short-term tactics

require. Mr Major's inability to reconcile the two gives Britain's European policy its fuzzy, volatile quality.

Tory tacticians such as Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, want to stage-manage a confrontation with the rest of the EU which allows the Government to talk tough without actually detonating an explosion that blows Britain out of the Union.

Generation of maximum resentment for Brussels and Germany is aimed at exploiting the feeling that Britain, in the words of Teddy Taylor MP, "is powerless to tell the

EU what to do". The ministers, officials, Opposition politicians and think-tank gurus who grope for a workable British strategy in Europe are not looking to tell the EU what to do because pursuing such an aim is about as useful as chasing moonbeams. They are engaged in the long, hard business of trying to increase British leverage in the EU system. "Our project is for the years between 2000 and 2010," said one of the very few Tory forward thinkers on Europe the other day.

But over-the-horizon strategy goes out of the window at election time. Who, in either party, now wants to hear

about "variable geometry" or to wait for the right opportunities to negotiate a more flexible EU?

Eventually a moment will come when the EU, with or without a single currency, must reshape itself in order to welcome the states of Central Europe. That is bound to involve a "core" of common policies and rules linked to plenty of other options and opt-outs. While Britain should float ideas along these lines, the Government need be in no hurry to decide anything too soon. The British bargaining position improves if Germany has to

open the bidding. Success, in other words, depends on a realistic objective, consistently pursued with patience which waits for opportunities. Alexis de Tocqueville, writing 160 years ago, understood the problem. A democracy, he wrote, "is unable to regulate the details of an important undertaking, to persevere in a design and to work out its execution in the presence of serious obstacles. It cannot combine its measures with secrecy and it will not await their consequences with patience." Sounds a bit like Britain in 1996.

GEORGE BROCK

Clintons' desire for second child seen as election gambit

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY CLINTON'S disclosure that she and President Clinton are talking about having another child, or adopting one, is bound to raise the hackles of their political opponents in an election year.

However honourable their motives, the couple will be perceived as making a contrived pitch for family values and of trying to dispel the character issue that continues to dog the President over the pending sexual harassment lawsuit by Paula Jones.

Even by discussing a sibling for their daughter, Chelsea, 16, the Clintons are subliminally accentuating the age difference between themselves and Bob Dole, the Republican candidate for President. Mr Dole will be 73 in July and is entitled to consider himself long past parenthood. Mr Clinton turns 50 this year and Mrs Clinton will be 49, but rearing young children is not unknown among their fellow greying baby-boomers.

Mrs Clinton's thoughts on a return to motherhood appear in this week's *Time* magazine. The suspicion of a calculated play is reinforced by the interview coinciding with next Saturday's rally in Washington.

to "Stand for Children", an event organised by Mrs Clinton's liberal friends from her days as legal counsel for the Children's Defence Fund.

Mrs Clinton laughed when asked if she really wanted to have a second child. She said: "I have to tell you I would be surprised but not disappointed. My friends would be appalled, I'm sure. But I think it would be terrific."

Asked about adoption, she said: "I must say we're hoping that we have another child."

She and Mr Clinton had talked about adoption on and off for a long time and were talking more about it now. But she cautioned: "We'd obviously wait to get serious about it until after the election. There's too much going on in our lives right now. We'd have to think hard about it, especially if it were an older child, the pressures of the White House on a child like that."

Still, she hoped that something would come of it, because "giving a child a chance and sharing what you have with a child is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, as well as a child."

She had worked hard, she said, to promote adoptions in

America, including those across racial lines as well as for the older and handicapped children. When the interviewer wondered if the Clintons would consider a cross-racial adoption, she said they had not gone into such detail.

In her new book about children, *It Takes a Village*, she reveals that she had difficulty conceiving after her marriage in 1975. The couple were planning to visit a fertility clinic after a holiday in 1979 when "lo and behold, I got pregnant during the vacation... I've often remarked to my husband that we might have had more children if we had taken more vacations."

During Mr Clinton's campaign four years ago, Mrs Clinton was pilloried by the Right for her long advocacy of children's rights. Republicans, by contrast, have been pushing for parental rights. She criticised them for proposing legislation that would enable parents to make decisions that would affect not their own child but other children as well. They should not pass laws that prevent parents from sending their children to sex education classes if they want to, she said.



Cristina Sánchez demonstrates her skill at the Nîmes feria and, below, holds up the bull's ears she was awarded for delighting the crowd

Brother tells of bomber fears

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE brother of the suspected Unabomber yesterday described the reclusive Harvard-trained radical as "disturbed" and said he had turned him in to the authorities to stop anyone else getting killed.

In an interview with *The New York Times*, David Kaczynski said he was breaking his silence in the hope that he could save his brother, Ted, from a possible death penalty for the 18-year string of letter-bombs which have killed three people and injured 23 others.

"I think Ted has been a disturbed person for a long time and he's gotten more disturbed," he said. "It serves no one's interest to put him to

death, and certainly it would be an incredible anguish for our family if that were to happen."

Ted Kaczynski, who dropped out after a promising career as a mathematician at the universities of Harvard and Berkeley, was arrested at his remote Montana cabin on April 3 on explosives charges. He has not been charged with any Unabomber crimes, but investigators say they have amassed a mountain of evidence against him, including the suspected master copy of the 35,000-word Unabomber manifesto.

David Kaczynski said it was his wife, Linda Patrik, a college professor, who first

suggested light-heartedly that his older brother might be the Unabomber, even though she had never met him. "Hey, you've got this screwy brother," he recalled her saying. "Maybe he's the guy."

When the Unabomber manifesto was published in September, the couple went to a local library to read a copy. "My jaw dropped," David Kaczynski said. "It continued to sound enough like him that I was really upset that it could be him."

A social worker in a shelter for runaways in New York, David Kaczynski confessed he had never understood his brother. "He's quite a mystery to me."



Acclaim for first woman matador

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

CRISTINA SÁNCHEZ has made history by becoming the first female matador in the annals of European bullfighting.

The rapt crowd at the bullring in Nîmes, in southern France, rose to its feet on Saturday as Señorita Sánchez plunged her sword into Pocobarra, a high-brown bull weighing 222lb.

Pocobarra's death marked not only the graduation of Señorita Sánchez from novillero — the second division in Spanish tauromachy — to fully fledged matador, but also a likely doubling in her appearance fees for future bullfights to nearly £33,000.

The grand bullring at Nîmes, set in an ancient Roman amphitheatre, was a fitting venue for her *alternativa*, or formal investiture. Curro Romero, the veteran bullfighter, acted as her *padrino*, or godfather, offering Señori-

ta Sánchez, 24, his sword and cape in a poignant opening ceremony.

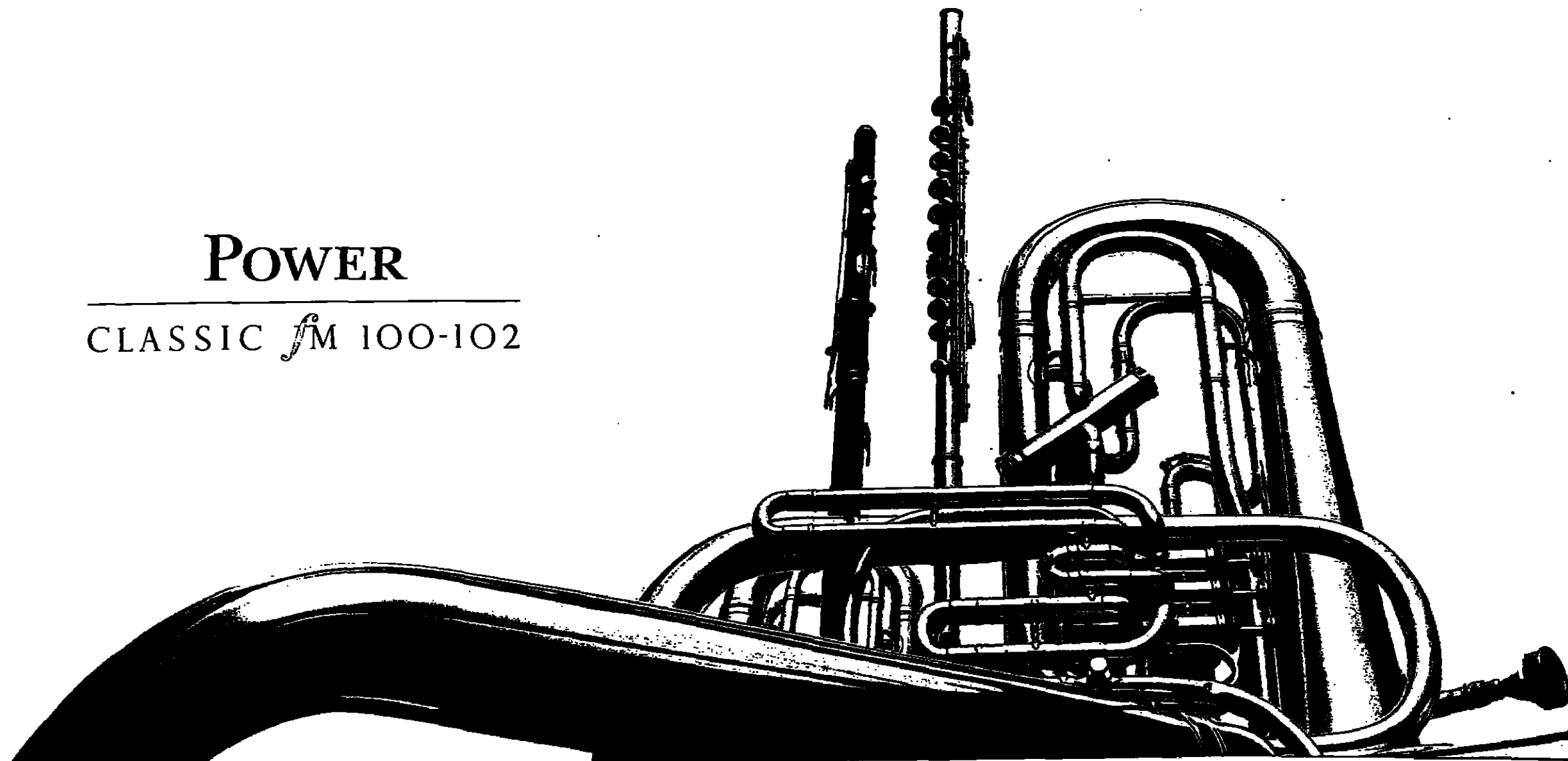
Señor Romero said to her: "I am old, Cristina, and have acted in several *alternativas*, but no other has moved me as much as this one. Whatever happens in future, I want you to know that you have more merit than anyone." He added: "Women caress better than men, and as you are aware a bull must be caressed."

Señorita Sánchez then proceeded to "caress" the two bulls she faced, both older, heavier and more dangerous than any she had previously encountered. As she fought, the band struck up a well-known *paseo doble*, and spurred her to such heights that she was awarded two bulls' ears by the presiding judge for the skill and ceremony with which she had dispatched the two beasts.

A glittering — and profitable — career now awaits this young matador from Madrid. But although the macho world of bullfighting has, on the whole, welcomed her presence in the bullring, there are some who still look askance at her. Jesús de Utrilla, the young male star of Spanish bullfighting, has said he will never agree to appear in the ring with Señorita Sánchez.

Others suggest that her physical frailty could cause her problems in the first division. Joaquín Vial, the bullfighting critic of *El País* and the country's most acute observer of the bullring and its art, has said that, while her technique is of a very high standard, she could be seriously handicapped in future, against the bigger and tougher bulls which a matador must eventually face, by her obvious lack of strength.

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Paula Wilcox stars as *The Comedy of Errors* launches the Open Air Theatre season in Regent's Park
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Dawn Upshaw, the soprano voice on a million Gorecki CDs, gives a Wigmore Hall recital
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OPERA

Dublin's Opera Theatre Company brings Handel's *Amadigi* to St Clement Danes in London
OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

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LONDON

FLUTEWISSE: Flautists of every age and standard are invited to play at The Extramural Flute Ensemble. Today's activities include a massed flute choir to play in workshops, recitals, displays, masterclasses and a competition. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Today, 10am-5.30pm. £5

IFAGIOLINI: Robert Hollingworth directs the Early Music vocal group and Soprano Vales, Virginia, in masterpieces by Byrd from the 1580s and 1620s, including *Deus Venerunt* (cantata and vigilia) (7.30pm). Earlier in the day (11am and 2pm, today and tomorrow), REM Theatre Australia and Cambridge New Music Players present *The Rockaburn Who Stole the Moon*, a magical folk tale for children, aged 4 to 7, told in dance and music. Parnell House, South Bank, EC1 (0171-931-4242)

MAGIC AND MAJESTY: This year, the BBC Concert Orchestra Festival introduces the themes of magic and majesty. The festival gets underway today with an evening of classical live events in the Piazza, Covent Garden Market, from 1-5pm. Highlights over the next two weeks include the Lerner and Loewe romantic musical *Camelot*, which will run from June 5-8, and Handel's magical tale of love and sorcery, *Amadigi* (May 28, June 1, 11).

THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: Samantha Bond, Michael Shuen and Tom Manton in David Lauder's puzzle, set in the Balkans and to do with sacrifice, freedom and the UK. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-925-2222). Tonight, 7.30pm. In rep. £5

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Dabry's powerful production, with David Raza as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Poul and Eddie Kuyler as the pillars of society. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-404-5035). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; Sun, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC: Elegant and successful production by Stian Møller of Strindberg's Swedish chamber. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodgson, Sanjiv Patel and Lambert Wilson among the stars sharing in the night. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-925-2222). Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm; Sat, 8.15pm. In rep. £5

PASSION: An unassuming musical from Scandinavia, but Maria Friedman remarkably good as a voracious manhunter who gets her man. With Michael Ball and Helen Hobson. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494-5500). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; Sun, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

THE RELAPSE: Victor Spinetti plays the selfish Lord Forrester in an early production from last year's Stratford. Amusing performances in a set-focused view of the play. Stratford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire (01927-552111). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Sun, 2.30pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment, compiled by Gillian Massey

Festival box office (0171-312 1888, for information and venues).

ELSEWHERE

ASBROOK: Michael MacKenzie teaches and Emily Winter learns how to speak proper in *Pygmalion*. The publicly for Hugh Hoggart's production enters into the right spirit by calling itself *The World's Largest Pigeon*. His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen (01224 841122). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. £5

BELFAST: Dargh Carville's new play, *Language*, is a powerful production by Ian MacLennan, set during the Troubles when a party of old friends escape the chaos of a "round for the night" to take over the past. Old Mission Arts Centre, College Square North (01222 233320). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens May 28, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until June 8.

BATH: Zoltan Solyom joins the London City Ballet company for selected rights in Matthew Hart's

delightfully blunt production of *Choreography*, with music by Tchaikovsky. Theatre Royal, Stratford (01223 448844). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; Thurs-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2.30pm. Next in York, Grand Theatre Opera House (01904 671 818). June 18-22.

BRADFORD: An hilarious new show from the popular and talented comedian Victoria Wood — as seen on stage. Alhambra, Morley Street (01274 752 000). Tonight-Sat, 8pm. Next in Newcastle, City Hall (0191-281 2800). June 3-4. Birmingham, International Conference Centre (01202 287 287). June 10-11.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Derek Jarman: Artist, Film-Maker, Designer (0171-438 4141). **British Museum:** Karyn Mott (0171-638 1555). **Coalbrookdale:** Drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (0171-673 2528). **Festival Hall:** Tap Ruffin and Shaw (0171-930 4242). **Heath Galleries:** Royal Society of Portrait Painters (0171-630 8844). **National Gallery:** Daguerre Beyond Impressionism (0171-632 7428). **National Gallery:** The Room in View (0171-306 0059). **Royal Academy:** Gustave Courbet (0171-400 7428). **Tate:** Tudor and Stuart painting: Aspects of Nationalism; John Everett Millais (0171-837 5000). **V & A:** William Morris (0171-252 5500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

House full, returns only
Seats at all prices

Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891): Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. In rep. £5

SOME SUNDAY DAY: Martin Sherman's stimulating new play, set in 1942 when the Blitz is reduced to still-lipped panic, while murder and other crimes appropriate to changing one's life. Splendid cast. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage, Camden, NW3 (0171-222 5201). Mon-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Until June 1.

SYLVIA: Strange, romantic comedy by A.R. Gurney, with Robin Ellis as a Wall Street trader, Maria Allen as his wife and Zed Yee as his dog. Royal National Theatre, Strand, WC2 (0171-307 4000). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8.15pm; Sun, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW: Josie Lawrence and Michael Sibery two of the best good things in this production, OTT production. Stratford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire (01927-552111). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Sun, 2.30pm.

Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891): Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm. In rep. £5

TARTUFFE: Ian McKellen and Tom Hollander in a new production of Moliere's tart comedy on religious fanaticism. Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 2.30pm. Until June 15.

TWELVE ANGRY MEN: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rodd's justly celebrated jury-room drama. Park Lane, SW1 (0171-359 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; Sun, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

Blood Brothers: Phoenix (0171-359 1731). **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-404 5070). **From the Hip:** Carriage (0171-494 5033). **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6033). **My Darling Clementine:** Dominion (0171-416 6033). **The Moonlighting:** St Martin's (0171-338 1443). **Orchestra Pit:** Dominion (0171-404 5033). **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5000). **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-425 8883). **Summer of '42:** Apollo (0171-344 0055).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and where to see them, with the symbol ➔ on release across the country

Barbican (0171-638 8891): Chaplin Picture House (0171-494 3323). Lantana (0171-336 0691). MGM Fulham Road (0171-370 2630). **British Museum (0171-638 1555):** Screen on Baker Street (0171-535 2772). UCI Whiteleys (0171-792 3332). Warner West End (0171-437 4343).

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A return visit worth the effort

First, why *Salome*? The Royal Opera has mounted two new productions over the past few years, a joint Welsh National-Scottish Opera version recently did the rounds, and English National Opera's own previous production seemed adequate four years ago. For heaven's sake, Strauss did write other operas; London has yet to see *Daphne*, *Intermezzo* or *Friedenstag*. But at a time when box-office considerations take precedence over a balanced repertoire, *Salome* does have certain advantages, even if it is a piece hard to take entirely seriously.

All of which having been said, ENO's new production is really rather good. The score is wonderfully conducted by Andrew Litton, and his painstaking rehearsals with the excellent orchestra must have been even more interesting than the final result. Puccini's textures based on especially refined string sound, and woodwind damped down yet always allowed to glitter, mean that no one on stage has to scream: the conversational nature of the piece is given full expression — and top marks all round for crisp diction. When the players are let off the leash in the interludes they raise the roof, and Litton delays and prolongs the famous discord at the end to shattering effect. His conducting is sensitive, witty, sensuous — just the job.

There seem to be two ways in for a director: settle for jewelled, soft-headed decadence (as Peter Hall did so memorably), or remember that Wilde also wrote *The Soul of Man under Socialism* and take it all frightfully earnestly. David Leveaux goes for the latter, or Luc Bondy option. Vicki Mortimer's set is dominated by a crumbling grey wall. Herod's court, Edwardian in period, is dressed in black. A group of bedraggled Nazarenes, periodically roughed up by the soldiery, watch the entire action with keen interest from the right. At the end

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Salome Coliseum

I expected them at least to raise a red flag, if not wheel on a tumbrel, but no, they just fade away. So?

But Leveaux gets the important things right. The infamous Dance, choreographed by Wayne McGregor, is handled with supreme tact. Narrator's suicide works, for once. The Baptist's head is a first-rate prop, and there's blood all over the place. His greatest triumph, though, achieved in collaboration with Alan Woodrow, is to make Herod convincing. He is not a usual slaving tyrant, heady-eyed, megalomaniac, ready, dead common — his wife's globe about him being the son of a camel-driver rings true. Woodrow's magnificent performance comes near to dominating the evening, and I haven't seen a Herod to touch him.

He has plenty of competition from Sally Burgess's society hostess Herodias, kicking the train of her cocktail dress to devastating effect, and from Robert Hayward's splendidly dandy Baptist; the way the latter spits at Salome almost makes you feel he deserves what's coming to him. John Marsden (Narrator), Ethna Robinson (Page) and Mark Richardson (an outstanding First Soldier) project the all-important opening scene with admirable clarity.

Kristine Ciesinski, an experienced Salome, sings the gentler passages with great beauty, and has found a way of handling the great outbursts without entirely convincing you that she is a natural for the role — which makes her performance doubly heroic. It works.

RODNEY MILNES



Splendid duo: Robert Hayward (the Baptist), Kristine Ciesinski (Salome)

CECILIA BARTOLI made her only London appearance this season in front of a packed Wigmore Hall on Friday.

Expectations ran high and were more than fulfilled: this vibrant young mezzo sang a generous programme covering a wider repertoire than in previous recitals, hinting at ways in which her carefully nurtured career may develop. She opened with a selection of the Italian songs by Beethoven and Schubert she has made her own, all of which she caught with direct, disarming simplicity. Her lustro, dark-toned voice is even across a considerable range: high notes in Beethoven's Hoffmann had bright, free-

Voices of the future

throated beauty, and her easy control over lower passages was particularly affecting in the soft pleading of Schubert's *Vedi quanto adoro*.

Bartoli's relish of words made the recitative in Haydn's *Arianna a Naxos* a special treat. Her pointed response to the text laid bare the abandoned Ariadne's emotions, and she was accompanied sympathetically by the meticulous György Fischer. A simple longing ran through three Bellini songs in the second half, contrasting effectively

with a selection from Rossini's *La regata veneziana* in which Bartoli sparkled. The French songs gave keenest delight. Pauline Viardot's *Havanaise* allowed Bartoli to show off dazzling

coloratura after a sultry opening, and Delibes' *Les filles de Cadix* disclosed both an earthiness and smile in the voice. She may make a great Carmen, but should not undertake it yet; in the meantime she could come to the rescue of French opera.

It is harder to plot future roles for Dmitri Hvorostovsky, who has been hyped even more than Bartoli. CNN cameras intruded at the Wigmore Hall on Thursday into what seemed to me an ordinary recital by a very ordinary

Russian baritone. Six Tchaikovsky songs were taken with slow self-indulgence, and no variety of tone. Mahler's *Lied eines fahrenden Gesellen* drew forced singing at the top.

But Hvorostovsky came into his own giving the premiere of Georgi Sviridov's *Petersburg*, a moving cycle of nine Blok settings. The idiom is conservative but not derivative; indeed, Sviridov's achievement is a rare fusion of poetry and music. A massive, tragic stillness pervades the piece and Hvorostovsky evoked it in long lines. The 80-year-old composer was greeted with a standing ovation.

JOHN ALLISON

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Venables looks on with the rest of the England bench as his players struggle yesterday. Sheringham, right, offering him little comfort after missing one of several chances. Photographs: Laurence Griffiths

England emerge unscathed from Hong Kong kickabout Ferdinand spares blushes

Hong Kong Select XI 0
England XI 1
FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong Golden Select XI wore a fetching flamingo-coloured strip for their big day, but, by the end of a dismal afternoon in the national stadium here yesterday, the faces of the England football team had turned a brighter shade of pink. But for a goal by Les Ferdinand just before half-time and an inspired save by David Seaman just after, Hong Kong's rag-bag of twilight professionals and callow locals would have reduced England to a far greater state of embarrassment in their final match before the European championship.

It was just as well for the England players that the coach, Terry Venables, rightly set little store by the venture. Had he done so, Dave Watson, aged 34 and here hired for a £12,000 match fee to play for the Select XI, would be a serious case for inclusion in the final squad of 22 to be announced in the next two days. He was comfortably the best defender on show, though Les Ferdinand (in the first half), Alan Shearer (in the second) and Robbie Fowler (in the last 15 minutes) hardly gave the Everton defender a run for his money.

The best striker was watching from the stand, George Weah, here to publicise AC Milan's match against Inter-Milan, a club side in Hong Kong, on June 7, and goodness

knows what the world footballer of the year made of England's three most prolific forwards. A total of 84 FA Carling Premiership goals between them last season and yet, for all but the split-second when Ferdinand headed home, Sheringham's slanted cross, tied up by a defensive pairing of Watson and Mike Duxbury, with a combined age of 70.

For all his chipper response — a win is a win and all that — Venables must be concerned by the poor form of his main strikers. Shearer is looking more forlorn by the game, the bounce has left Ferdinand's stride and Fowler has left his shooting boots at Anfield. Venables would point out that the system he has developed makes the front man more of a provider than a goalscorer, but the fact that he has spent some time on this tour telling Shearer that one does not preclude the other suggests that the message has not quite been fully understood yet. Shearer is a willing sort, but scoring goals is his business and the lack of productivity is starting to irk him. There are only 12 days to go before the opening match in Euro 96 against Switzerland.

The one pleasing aspect of a yesterday's pointless exercise, such a contrast to a thrilling night in Peking, was that there were no further injuries. Steve Howey, not surprisingly, looked short of fitness in his first match for four months and was taken off with a sore calf after an hour. Even if that eases by this morning, it is doubtful whether Venables can risk him, with Tony

Adams also returning from injury, much as he would like to have a more constructive centre-half in the confirmed absence of Mark Wright. Gareth Southgate can cover in the centre and on the left of defence, where he plays for

Jails cleared 5
Scotland beaten 24
Joy for Bradford 24

Aston Villa, but both Ugo Ehiogu and Sol Campbell, though restricted to cameos in the last two games, might be included in the squad alongside the versatile Neville brothers. Either way, flexibility

is the key. England are equipped to play four or three at the back now in a way they were not on that chaotic night in Norway when Gary Pallister was picked by Graham Taylor as a third central defender to counter Jostein Flo. Even Adams, the archetypal 4-4-2 man, has expressed his faith in the new way.

Today will not be an enjoyable one for Venables. He has already disappointed one member of this England squad (probably Robert Lee) by telling him he will not be needed for the European championship. Now he has to tell four more: maybe Howey, Jason Wilcox, Jamie Redknapp and Fowler. Fowler

would be the most controversial omission, though his time will surely come. I would keep him as one of the shock troops, someone who could come on and turn or save a game, but, given that Nick Barmby's well-being as a back-up to Teddy Sheringham was confirmed by his two goals against China, the choice would be between him and Peter Beardsley, whose influence on the young players Venables covets highly. Besides, Beardsley has become Paul Gascoigne's designated minder on this tour.

In midfield, Paul Ince, David Platt, Gascoigne and Darren Anderton are certain- ties and Steve McNamara has shown just enough in his two games in the Far East to earn his place without yet reaching his Liverpool form. Wilcox might have timed his run just too late, while Steve Stone's uncomplicated, direct style and his ability to deliver telling crosses at pace is too valuable to lose.

The main question, an appalling one for anyone who witnessed England's woeful lack of invention yesterday, concerns Gascoigne's understudy, Redknapp, the obvious alternative, but has been unconvincing over the past two weeks. Dennis Wise is suspect temperamentally. Lee has never been the same since Kevin Keegan, his manager at Newcastle, called him the best midfielder player in the country.

My mind goes back to the moment last year when Venables preferred Wise to Matthew Le Tissier. The decision caused much hand-wringing among aesthetes,

but was proved plum right by the surprisingly inventive and predictably combative performance of his man. Wise can play wide and man-mark if necessary, which adds to his value. The only doubt about him is a groin injury picked up in training this week. He has not played in the Far East.

Pragmatism has always been Venables's hallmark. His squad will be streetwise, adaptable, well-organised and tactically sound, qualities showed off handsomely in Peking — but the ease with which a makeshift team stifled England in Hong Kong did not augur so well. Perhaps it would be best to bring the mist, which obliterated the hills around the city all yesterday, down a few more yards to erase the whole game.

The England party fly home tonight and will have the rest of the week off before the 22-man squad reassembles at Bisham Abbey on Sunday to put the final touches to their preparation. Just a matter of tightening up, Venables says. "We will be ready by the time it comes round," he added. It has certainly been a long, slow, crescendo.

ENGLAND (4-4-1-1): D Seaman (Arsenal) — P Neville (Manchester United), A Adams (Aston Villa), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), S. Pearce (Nottingham Forest) — S Stone (Nottingham Forest), G. Wright (Aston Villa), D. Platt (Aston Villa), P. Ince (Manchester United), J. Wilcox (Blackburn Rovers), E. Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), T. Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur), D. Watson (Leeds United), M. Duxbury (Blackburn Rovers), G. Weah (Milan), L. Ferdinand (Newcastle United), A. Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), J. Redknapp (Blackburn Rovers).

HONG KONG GOLDEN SELECT XI (4-4-1-1): I. Hestard — M. Duxbury — M. Gungor, D. Watson, M. van der Sander (Leeds United), G. Wright, L. Ferdinand — A. Bakajia (Leeds), P. Kim Chun, T. S. Gao, O. Roberts, C. Fairweather — I. Baidi.

Likely England squad
GOALKEEPERS: D Seaman (Arsenal), T. Flowers (Blackburn Rovers), I. Walker (Tottenham Hotspur)
DEFENDERS: T. Adams (Arsenal), P. Beardsley (Tottenham Hotspur), U. Ehiogu (Aston Villa), G. Neville (Man Utd), P. Neville (Manchester United), P. Pearce (Nottingham Forest), S. Pearce (Aston Villa), G. Southgate (Aston Villa)
MIDFIELD PLAYERS: D. Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur), P. Gascoigne (Rangers), P. Ince (Manchester United), P. Beardsley (Tottenham Hotspur), L. Ferdinand (Newcastle United), A. Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), T. Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur)
FORWARDS: N. Barmby (Middlesbrough), P. Beardsley (Newcastle United), L. Ferdinand (Newcastle United), A. Shearer (Blackburn Rovers), T. Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur)
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Wet weekend means repeats reign supreme

If another person told me that if you can see the rain and it's raining already... I was going to get seriously annoyed. Charles Colville had said it, Paul Allott had repeated it and here was the head groundsman at Old Trafford giving the old saw its third outing in 20 minutes: "Well, you know what they say..." he began. Suddenly Hong Kong against England on Sunday Grandstand seemed an awfully good idea.

But no, that was distraction lay and I had enough of those. The omnibus edition of *The Archers* had already cost me the first seven overs of the Indian innings. By the time Shula had finished with the loathsome Simon, Colville was surveying a sea of multi-coloured umbrellas. "Welcome back to Old Trafford," he

said wearily, "not a very nice sight is it?" It was not. For what seemed like the umpteenth time over the weekend it was raining and for those of us watching BSkyB's drop-by-drop coverage that raised the by-now familiar problem — keeping one's concentration. On Saturday mine had wobbled alarmingly. I watched *The Chart Show* on ITV; I watched a large chunk of *Gone With The Wind* on BBC2 and I spent the rest of the afternoon watching Bath against Wigan on Sky Sports 2. By the time I switched back to Headline, the game was almost over.

Very obligingly Sky opted to fill yesterday's long rain delay at Old Trafford with highlights from the day before — which is how I came to spend a surreal few seconds listening to a recording of Bob Willis



MATTHEW BOND
TV ACTION REPLAY

cheerily announcing "I'm afraid it's raining here at Headline again", while the drizzle continued "live" at Old Trafford. But at least I discovered that the second one day international had been every bit as exciting as the Clash of the Codes Part II at Twickenham. Wigan were running in tries from behind their own goal line and England had finally discovered how to field again. What did a little bit of rain matter?

Eventually, however, I succumbed. As the rain continued

and Sky were down to showing re-runs of Dominic Cork's Test match hat-trick, even a damp walk seemed an attractive proposition. By the time I got back something extraordinary had happened. "Well, who would have thought it," exclaimed Colville. "We're playing cricket again."

They continued to play cricket for an entire innings and if Saturday's action confirmed that England had rediscovered how to win again, yesterday's showed that India can still produce aggressive

and entertaining cricket. Sky's commentary team were duly grateful. Mark Nicholas and Paul Allott are probably the pick of the satellite channel's latest line-up, with Sunil Gavaskar sounding a very useful temporary recruit.

The Indian innings also seemed to revitalise Sky's camera operators. Whether it was something to do with the rain or the low temperature I don't know, but on Saturday some of the pictures seemed a little below the high standard that we have grown accustomed to from both Sky and BBC Cricket coverage.

The replays of the run outs were exemplary (and in the case of Manjrekar crucial) but some of the other camera-work appeared to be suffering from a little winter rust. We only just saw that Rathore's outside edge had carried to

Thorpe at first slip, while the replay of a disputed six was so blurred that umpire Kitchen, having consulted the third umpire, eventually signalled four. How quickly we have come accustomed to the idea that the third official is infallible.

But, by yesterday afternoon, such problems seemed behind us. Azharuddin was throwing the bat, the camera work was spot on and in the commentary box even Willis was sounding chipper. Convinced that summer had finally arrived I rashly went to prepare tea and cucumber sandwiches when the Indian innings closed. Ten minutes later I returned. "Welcome back," moaned Colville, surveying a sea of umbrellas. "Not a very nice sight is it?" Suddenly the Indy 500 on Sky Sports 2 seemed an awfully good idea.

Monarchs need win to stay in contention

RESULTS continue to go the way of London Monarchs in the World League of American Football (Richard Wetherell writes). Not only do they need to win their four remaining games, starting this afternoon against Amsterdam Admirals, to reach the World Bowl, but they also require help elsewhere. They received it at the weekend, with Scottish Claymores inflicting a 20-17 defeat on the Frankfurt Galaxy yesterday and Rhein Fire beating Barcelona Dragons 16-12 on Saturday.

It took a 46-yard field goal by Paul McCallum with one second remaining to secure victory for the Claymores, who secured a place in the World Bowl two weeks ago. Galaxy, who lost 27-7 to the Monarchs last week, are on a dangerous slide that they need to halt if they are to retain their title. A Monarchs victory today would put them level with the Admirals and the Dragons, one victory behind the Galaxy. A loss means their season has effectively ended with three games remaining.

Rosset leads the way

TENNIS: Marc Rosset won his singles and doubles matches yesterday to lead Switzerland to a 2-1 victory over the Czech Republic in the final of the World Team Cup in Düsseldorf. Rosset combined with Jakob Hlasek to win the decisive doubles 6-3, 6-4 against Petr Korda and Daniel Vacek and thus give Switzerland the title for the first time. The Czech Republic took the lead when Korda beat Hlasek 6-3, 6-4 but Rosset levelled by beating Bohdan Ulihrach 7-6, 6-2. Nicole Pietrangeli, of the United States, and Marion Bollegraf, of Holland, beat Gigi Fernandez, of the United States, and Natasha Zvereva, of Belorussia, the No 1 seeds, in three sets to win the women's doubles world cup in Edinburgh.

Arbi's cup of cheer

BADMINTON: Heryanto Arbi, right, the world champion, who was dropped from the team that beat South Korea 3-2 in the semi-finals, helped Indonesia to their tenth Thomas Cup success yesterday. His 15-8, 15-8 defeat of Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, of Denmark, was part of a comprehensive 5-0 victory in the final as Indonesia retained what is the men's world team championship.



Laing in full bloom

GOLF: Alison Rose, the Curtis Cup player, suffered an unexpected one-hole defeat by Anne Laing, who was making her debut in the tournament, in the final of the Scottish women's amateur championship at Royal Dornoch on Saturday. Rose, from Stirling, bunkered her approach shot at the short 2nd to fall one behind. She fell further adrift at the 7th, but won the 16th with a birdie, only to miss a putt of ten feet on the 18th to gift Laing, from Vale of Leven, the title.

Cipollini's close call

CYCLING: Mario Cipollini, the sprint specialist, nearly paid the price for over-confidence yesterday, doing just enough to win the 135-kilometre eighth stage of the Giro d'Italia from Polla to Naples. A metre or so from the line, Cipollini flung up his arms in triumph, despite the proximity of Fabrizio Guidi and Giovanni Lombardi, and was lucky to scrape home by a few centimetres. Davide Rebellin, Cipollini's Italian compatriot, retained the overall lead.

Benefit for Brito

RUGBY UNION: A Northampton Invitation XV scored a 52-33 victory over a South African team in Accra, Ghana, at the weekend in a match to raise money for Max Brito, the Ivory Coast player paralysed by injury in the World Cup last year. Peter Mensah scored three tries and Will Greenwood, Richard Cockerill, Nick Beal, Dean Richards and Tim Rodber one each. Ruan Kruger (2) and Danie Gerber were among try-scorers for the Naas Botha Invitation XV.

Doohan strikes four

MOTOR CYCLING: Michael Doohan, right, the world 500cc champion, won the Italian Grand Prix yesterday to secure his fourth consecutive victory at the Mugello track. Doohan, from Australia, led at the start, but battled wheel-to-wheel with Alex Criville, from Spain, for much of the 23-lap race in the Tuscan hills and took the chequered flag in 44min 4.252sec, 0.726sec clear of his Honda team-mate.



Hunter gathers prize

RIFLE SHOOTING: Alex Hunter, of North London Rifle Club, on his first Channel Islands tour with the National Rifle Association (NRA) team, won the President's Prize in Guernsey yesterday after a close finish in which three of the visiting team scored 99 out of 100 for ten shots at 300 and 600 yards. Hunter had 15 shots in the dead centre of the bullseye against 12 by Les Wicker, of Sussex, the runner-up. The NRA team beat Guernsey by 19 points at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Proctor ruled out

RUGBY UNION: Wayne Proctor will miss the opening game of Wales' tour of Australia after breaking his nose in a training session yesterday. Proctor will miss the match against Western Australia on Wednesday and, according to Roger Evans, the team physician, could be unavailable for a fortnight. Crispin Cormack, the young Pontypridd player, who only made the squad after the late withdrawal of Justin Thomas, will replace Proctor at full back.

Faldo loses ground on leaders in race for Volvo PGA Championship

False start proves no handicap for Rocca

IT'S not how you begin at golf, it's what your total is at the finish, as Costantino Rocca, the Italian with the rumpled face and engaging manner, will gladly testify.

Rocca, joint-leader after 54 holes of the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth, hit a real hacker's drive on the first hole yesterday. His ball veered sharply left into trees behind the first tee of the East course. It was a hook to end all hooks.

There were a few grunts of dismay and for a while Rocca was angry, his anger rumbling on as he took a six on this par four hole. But then he birdied the 2nd and slowly the dark clouds dissipated, their departure speeded by the fact that he began to play beautifully.

Rocca had a 69, his third score in the 60s in this championship, and shares the lead with Mark McNulty who, as it happens, not only made a

Tokyo, and then Orlando, on Friday evening. Faldo is not swinging well and that is increasing the pressure on his putting. After yesterday's 72, he is three strokes adrift of the leaders.

Few golfers hit the ball as straight as Colin Montgomerie, who would have us believe he does not putt well often enough. After his 69 he said he had not performed consistently well on the greens since before last year's US PGA, which he lost in a play-off.

This contention needs to be taken with a pinch of salt because it is all relative. In the main, his putting is very good, but on occasions it does not match the level of his play from tee to green. If it did, then he would go round in 67 most times.

Every so often, however, Montgomerie does stumble, as when he dropped a shot on the third hole for the third day in a row, missed from four feet on the 6th and took three putts on the 14th, the second putt missing the hole from less than three feet. This gave him the opportunity to climb on to his hobby horse, despite his blazing finish of three successive birdies.

In the US earlier this year Montgomerie talked enviously of how well the Americans hole out. "They bang them in and that is what I am not doing," Montgomerie said. "I have to learn how to bang them in. That's what I've got to do with my putts — bang them in."

At the risk of encouraging Montgomerie to bang on about his putting, he was asked what was wrong at present. "I am playing well enough to win but I am not holding out well enough to win," he replied. "I putted well in Dubai (in March) but since then I have not done so. I am mis-hitting them. If I was misreading them that would be easy. This has gone on too long. I need concentration and practice."

Montgomerie, who hardly ever practises, thought he would subject himself to a routine he used to use — that of holing 100 putts in succession. If he missed the 99th he had to start again. In addition, he vowed that today he would go for everything in a bid to make up the distance between him and the leaders. He would use a driver on the 6th and the 16th, for example, and hope to be rewarded. "I have to score something silly," he said, "but I am capable of that. I have won from four behind so there is no reason why I cannot win from five behind."



Rocca follows the flight of his ball after driving from the eighth tee during yesterday's round of 69

Ruling fairways with iron resolve

Mel Webb discovers the many qualities needed by a tournament golf referee

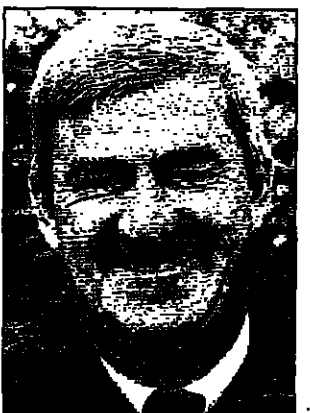
IT has not been an easy week for the men in raincoats and buggies at Wentworth. They have had to pronounce upon a ball in a tree, balls in sundry water hazards and finally, on Saturday, on a ball that came to rest on a plastic bag. They have sailed serenely through every challenge — it has been all in a day's work for the tournament referees of the PGA European Tour.

The qualities needed to be a rules official on the great professional golf tours of the world are manifold. He needs, first and foremost, to have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the most arcane rules of the game, and know, furthermore, how to apply them. He should have the tact of an ombudsman, the sympathy of a father confessor and the grim determination that wrong will be punished of an old-time vigilante.

They will claim that they are rarely shaken and never stirred. Pressure? Certainly not, they will say — there is always the rule book. True, but when you do not even make your living out of golf and you are faced by one of

the iron men of the game who is openly doubting your decision, that is pressure, with bells on.

Imagine, then, the feelings of Thomas Waldenstedt when he was confronted by Nick Faldo after the great man's ball had come to rest on a carrier bag to the left of the 17th fairway on Saturday. He made his judgment. Faldo



Paramor: determined

was unhappy and made sure that he would be granted an audience with John Paramor when he finished his round.

Paramor, the tour's chief referee and director of tour operations, confirmed that Waldenstedt's decision had saved Faldo from a two-stroke penalty. Waldenstedt had made a small mistake, he said, and so had Faldo, but the result was a good one for the player.

Paramor and his rules staff of 14 — many more than is usual in a regular PGA European Tour event — were back on duty yesterday, and they were rewarded with a quiet day in the acres of green that form their office.

That does not mean, however, that for Paramor it was a day totally without incident. An afternoon spent with him was something of an education, and much of it was concerned with time (too much of it) and space (ditto).

Paramor and his men are rightly concerned with the

pace of play. "I'm given a job to do by my tournament committee and I'll try to do it for them," Paramor said. "I certainly won't back away from a challenge."

What it involved on this day, as well as happily giving swift teach-ins on the rules to members of the public getting concerned about a lady in tartan tights who was being repeatedly ignored by buses at car park six and the fact that the toilets by the 14th hole were blocked, was marshalling the stopwatch army.

Match 23, for example, exercised the troops for a while before Greg Turner and Andrew Oldcorn were let off the hook, then match 32, featuring Fabrice Tarnaud and Nicolas Fasth, was put on the clock.

They did not like it but Paramor, who in these matters has all the warm-hearted sympathy of a Judge Jeffreys kept the sand in the hourglass running. Two holes later, Tarnaud and Fasth had made up four minutes on the group ahead of them and the chronograph was turned off. Lesson learnt: the hanging judge had struck again.

Hockley gives Educate lesson in swing

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE trophy for the English women's golf championship returned to the Felixstowe Ferry club on Saturday, but under different ownership. Julie Hall, the winner in 1994 and 1995, has been succeeded by her club colleague, Joanne Hockley.

Having overcome Hall in the third round at Silloth-on-Solway, Hockley recorded a comfortable win, by 4 and 3, over another member of the Curtis Cup team, Lisa Educate.

The Ladies' Golf Union opted to pick the team to face the United States, at Killarney in 34 weeks, before the home countries' individual championships. Otherwise, Hockley's name would surely

have figured prominently in their deliberations. In 1992, aged 19, she was runner-up in this championship and the winner of the British strokeplay title. She has been in the shadows more recently but, with a new coach, a new set of irons and a new attitude, she has again become a formidable force.

It was the manner of her victory on Saturday that was so impressive. Aside from an untidy six at the 8th, where her second into a bunker was compounded by three putts, she was four under par for the holes played.

While Educate, with her elaborate swing, was fighting to cure a fade in a strong wind, Hockley made the game look easy, without a flourish in her

method and hitting against a strongly-braced left side. That fade cost Educate the first three holes. She got one back at the 6th, where Hockley missed a second putt from eight feet, and another at the 8th.

Now came the key part of the match. Her lead reduced to one, Hockley responded with a two at the 9th. When Educate claimed the 10th with a birdie, her relief was again short-lived, for Hockley then won three in a row, highlighted by a glorious four-iron to 18 inches at the 185-yard 12th. Even birdies at the last two holes played could not save Educate. Hockley holing a 25-foot putt from off the 14th green and matching her opponent blow for blow on the 15th.

Burgers relish repeat in senior modern

By RUTH GLEDHILL

COUPLES from Britain took the top placings in the rising stars Latin competition at the 71st British Open ballroom dancing championships, the foremost festival in the calendar, at Blackpool over the weekend. However, the first important titles of the week-long championships, the senior modern and the under-21 Latin, were won by competitors from Germany and Slovenia.

Striking movement, poise and balance saw the winners last year, Hans-Jürgen and Ulrike Burger, of Germany, take first place again in the senior championship, for couples aged over 35. The Burgers, at the younger end of the age range, gained

first placings in all four dances to win easily from their compatriots, Bernd and Monika Kiefer.

After the championship, in which 278 couples battled it out over the four modern dances of waltz, foxtrot, tango and quickstep, Chris and Ann Freeman, from Chorley, who finished fourth, announced their decision to turn professional. This leaves the way open for Peter and Lynda Mitchinson, the British No 2 couple, who were sixth in the British Open, to assume their mantle.

The ballroom was packed to capacity for the under-21 Latin championship on Saturday, when 220 couples took to the floor in ten heats, before being whittled down to six finalists. The successful

couples faced seven rounds over hours to make the final six. Only the invitation professional team match, won easily by Britain, with Scandinavia second, Japan third and the United States fourth, intervened.

Despite the large field, Matej Krajcar and Janja Lesar, of Slovenia, and Mark Robertson and Lisa Palmer, of Scotland, stood out from the start. Displaying great stamina through to the early hours of yesterday morning, while losing none of their sparkle in the cha-cha, samba, rumba, *pasodoble* and jive, the Slovenian couple, who had in the past 12 months won the world but lost the international championships, took the silver trophy and first prize of £115.

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Gough's accuracy helps to restrict Indian total but early loss of Atherton impedes run-chase

England are repaid for commitment to overtime

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (India won the toss): England, with nine wickets in hand, need 235 runs in 49 overs to beat India

THE Test match has been a grimly unsatisfactory event, stretching over five damp days rather than its intended three, but England will consider it overtime well spent if they can successfully chase a target of 237 at Old Trafford today and complete a 2-0 win over India.

They must do so without the stabilising influence of their captain, Michael Atherton, snared leg-before by Javagal Srinath in the one over England were permitted before rain closed in on Manchester once more. Given reasonable conditions today, however, the pursuit should not be beyond them.

Simply to break the losing habit, as they did at Headingley on Saturday, made this frustrating battle against the weather worthwhile for an England side exhibiting refreshing enthusiasm and vitality. They had lost their previous nine international Test-playing opposition and the relief of a win was tangible.

Yesterday, on a better pitch than was seen in Leeds but in comparably gloomy weather, England will have been happy to restrict India to 236 for four from 50 overs. That the touring side made this many, after the first half of the innings had yielded only 77, owed a great deal to their captain, Mohammed Azharuddin, who played fluently for the second successive day.

Azharuddin and the manager, Sandeep Patil, had reacted sharply to the Indians' fragile batting in the first two games. Sidhu and Manjrekar, with 179 one-day appearances between them, were dropped to make way for Ganguly and Dravid, who boasted an aggregate of five. Manjrekar, the most vulnerable of their seam bowlers, was also omitted, to accommodate a second spin bowler, Raju.

Within such tinkering, however, the Indians' dependence on Sachin Tendulkar remains clear and it has not been a profitable series for him. His dismissal on Thursday, to a rank leg-before decision, was hardly his fault, but he was complicit in his own run out on Saturday and, yesterday, he had made only one when Dominic Cork found the outside edge. Hick, at second slip, did the rest.

This was just the start to blunt India's expectations and, with the help of a three-hour break for rain, England contained them capably. Cork always looked dangerous even if his line was variable but the best of the bowling came from Darren Gough, who kept a full length and dipped the ball late into the right-handers.

When he swings the ball at will like this, Gough is a handful and England need him to sustain the mood. He did not try to bowl genuinely fast here but impressed sufficiently to suggest he might regain the Test place he lost so disappointingly after the Johannesburg game last December.

Rathore and Ganguly put on 92 for the second wicket and, although they occupied 25 overs, it was an important stand, a confirmation of life after Tendulkar.

There came a point, however, when acceleration was essential and Rathore recognised it, charging down the pitch against Martin before losing his wicket to Thorpe — a bowler unconsidered by everyone except, it seems, Atherton. His looping seamers were summoned for the third over and his fourth ball had Rathore caught at long-on. Bowler and captain reacted with justifiable delight, which was echoed four overs later when Thorpe dismissed Ganguly, too, this time with the aid of a neat legside stumping by Stewart.

There is no suggestion that Stewart will usurp Russell in the Test side, but his wicketkeeping has been exemplary within the needs of one-day cricket. He featured in the fourth Indian wicket, too, diving spectacularly to his right to catch Jadeja off Cork, then hurling the ball skywards and catching it a second time, behind his back.

This was symptomatic of the new jauntiness in England's out-cricketer and it can only reflect well upon David Lloyd, the coach. Even Atherton, who can be protectively lugubrious in the field, is wearing a smile that seems utterly unforced. It is a good sign.

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India have looked a limited team so far. Traditionally poor travellers, they have not helped themselves by picking an unbalanced attack, top-heavy with spin bowling, and they are plainly finding one of the coldest Mays for 250 years conspiring against them. We shall see them at their best only in a hot June.

Their batting on Saturday lacked wit and conviction and, later, they spurned a chance to overturn mid-match odds of 8-1 on England with fielding that fell way below the impressive standards of the home team. Srinath and Prasad had

Winning ways reflect new purpose

During a break for rain at Old Trafford yesterday, the England players did an unusual thing. They held up to the crowd, through the window of the home dressing-room, a large card bearing the word "WIN" on it.

This was unusual not only because England winning a cricket match — as they did at Headingley on Saturday — is an occasion worthy of a national holiday but because it revealed previously hidden levels of self-esteem among the players. They were actually proud of themselves.

Could this England Test Trophy party really contain eight players who went to South Africa and the World Cup, when the only thing seen at the visitors' dressing-room window were drawn curtains and only as many appearances in their vocabulary as "buffoon"?

Could this team, that fielded so enthusiastically and excellently in the past four days, really be led by the man who was labelled Captain Grumpy in South Africa and

put England into dire trouble, bowling penetratingly with the new ball, but the support bowlers could not sustain the pressure and Graham Thorpe's assured 79 not out secured the victory with 15 balls to spare.

The game was shortened to 45 and then 42 overs per side by morning rain and India, obliged to bat first on a green-tinted pitch offering excessive sideways movement, were never out of second gear. Tendulkar's run out, accurately executed by Ealham from mid-on, was the first of three in the Indian innings. There were some splendid catches, too, and a solitary miss, by Thorpe off the deserving Gough, stood out in recent England fielding it would have been commonplace.

India lost their last five wickets for 13, batting with such carelessness that they failed even to see out their overs. As England came off, the coach, David Lloyd, stood



SIMON WILDE
At Old Trafford

became the scourge of the Pakistan Union of Journalists? Yet there was Michael Atherton, fielding under the helmet at boot-hill on Saturday and seemingly enjoying it, and yesterday following a whim and giving Thorpe a rare and — as it proved — incisive bowl.

Much of the credit for this transformation must go to David Lloyd, the new England coach, whose idea it is to have large motivational cards in the dressing-room bearing words like "win" and "pride". He has seemingly restored an all-important sense of humour and possesses the sort of passion that has sometimes appeared to be missing from the England camp.

But England's improved demeanour may be due to something more fundamental and less encouraging for their long-term recovery: playing at home. The contrast between their records home and away is stark.

While they have given every country except Australia at least a close fight at home in recent years, overseas they lose regularly and sometimes abjectly. It is a phenomenon that troubles and baffles Atherton himself.

Probably, the only team worse at playing abroad is India, which could — conveniently — also play its part in England's renaissance this summer. In the past ten years they have had about as many opportunities as England to show off a card with the word "win" on it. And the reasons are much the same: the unfamiliarity of the playing conditions, the food and almost

everything outside the cricket grounds — and not being good enough. They have had problems adjusting in England this time, although the Old Trafford pitch was friendly enough that the likes of Rathore and Ganguly could get onto the front foot and enjoy themselves for the first time in the series.

Of course, there have been better times than this for eating food in England, although for religious reasons Indians have never been keen on eating beef. Locating favourite dishes presents constant difficulties and Ali Ibrahim, the Indian team's physiotherapist, has turned his hand to cooking on this trip.

Mohammed Azharuddin, the India captain and the only Muslim in the team, is fastidious about eating only Halal meat and, as his contentment is a key element in the hopes of his side, it is important he finds the dishes he wants.

Judging by the way he feasted on the bowling of Neil Smith yesterday, though, he has dined well.

At the top of the steps with a word of praise and a backslap for all. Soon, however, he was fretting again as his "team" subsided to 23 for three, a plight that would have been far worse if both Atherton and Thorpe had not been reprieved in a single over from Prasad.

Thorpe made the Indians pay. His cover-driving was classical and precise, his defence sure, and, when joined by his county captain, Stewart, for the fifth wicket, batting began to look comfortable for the first time in the day.

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Old Trafford
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INDIA

V Rathore c Cork b Thorpe 54
(21min, 95 balls, 4 fours)

S R Tendulkar c Hick b Cork 1
(18min, 11 balls)

S Ganguly at Steward b Thorpe 46
(17min, 83 balls, 3 fours)

*M Azharuddin not out 73
(77min, 64 balls, 1 six, 3 fours)

A D Jadeja c Steward b Cork 29
(40min, 32 balls, 1 six, 1 four)

R S Dravid not out 22
(21min, 15 balls, 3 fours)

Extras (D 1, B 4, W 6) 11

Total (4 wickets, 50 overs, 189min) 236

Scores after 15 overs: 38-1

YN R Mongia, A Kumble, J Srinath, BKV Prasad and S L V Raju did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Rathore 9), 2-103 (Ganguly 41), 3-118 (Azharuddin 6), 4-180 (Azharuddin 50).

BOWLING: Cork 10-3-55-2 (4 fours, 7-12-1, 3-0-25-1); Lewis 10-1-48-0 (w 3, 1 six, 2 fours; 6-1-18-0, 2-0-13-0, 2-0-16-0); Gough 10-1-43-0 (w 2, 2 fours; 6-1-18-0, 2-0-13-0, 2-0-14-0); Martin 10-0-50-0 (4 fours; 4-0-18-0, 4-0-19-0, 2-0-15-0); Smith 6-0-39-0 (2 fours, 1 four; 3-0-18-0, 3-0-21-0); Thorpe 4-0-15-2 (w 1, 1 four, one spell).

ENGLAND

*M A Atherton lbw b Srinath 0
(2min, 2 balls)

A D Brown not out 1
(5min, 2 balls)

N M K Smith not out 0
(5min, 2 balls)

Extras (D 1) 1

Total (1 wkt, 1 over, 6min) 2

G A Hick, G P Thorpe, M P Maynard, A A Stewart, C C Lewis, D G Cork, D Gough and P J Martin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2 (Brown 1).

BOWLING: Srinath 1-0-1-1.

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones. Reserve umpire: A G T Whitehead. Referee: C W Smith (West Indies).

Headingley
England won last

INDIA

V Rathore c Thorpe b Cork 7
(37min, 28 balls)

S R Tendulkar run out (Ealham) 6
(28min, 19 balls, 1 four)

N S Sidhu run out (Cork) 20
(58min, 41 balls, 2 fours)

*M Azharuddin c Brown b Martin 40
(82min, 68 balls, 1 six, 2 fours)

S V Manjrekar run out (Maynard/Cork) 24
(47min, 33 balls, 1 four)

A D Jadeja c Martin b Cork 39
(37min, 27 balls, 3 fours)

YN R Mongia c Atherton b Cork 9
(22min, 13 balls, 1 four)

A Kumble c Steward b Martin 0
(6min, 2 balls)

J Srinath c Cork b Gough 5
(5min, 4 balls, 1 four)

P L Mhambrey not out 7
(5min, 5 balls, 1 four)

B K V Prasad c Steward b Martin 1
(5min, 5 balls)

Extras (D 1, W 5) 6

Total (40.2 overs, 174min) 158

Scores after 12 overs (end of fielding restrictions): 38-2

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18 (Rathore 7), 2-17 (Sidhu 0), 3-58 (Azharuddin 19), 4-84 (Manjrekar 15), 5-113 (Jadeja 10), 6-145 (Jadeja 33), 7-145 (Kumble 9), 8-149 (Srinath 4), 9-155 (Mhambrey 5).

BOWLING: Cork 9-1-45-3 (w 2, 5 fours; 6-1-24-1, 2-0-15-0, 1-0-7-2); Lewis 9-1-30-0 (w 1, 1 four; 5-1-10-0, 3-0-7-0); Martin 9-2-34-3 (w 2, 1 six, 1 four; 5-1-11-0, 2-0-16-1, 1-2-0-7-2); Gough 8-1-24-1 (nb 1, 1 four; 7-1-22-0, 1-0-2-1); Ealham 6-0-23-0 (1 four, 4-0-11-0, 2-0-12-0).

ENGLAND

*M A Atherton c Tendulkar b Prasad 7
(48min, 36 balls)

A D Brown lbw b Srinath 0
(4min, 2 balls)

G A Hick lbw b Prasad 0
(5min, 1 ball)

G P Thorpe not out 79
(161min, 118 balls, 10 fours)

M P Maynard run out (Srinath/Mongia) 14
(43min, 22 balls, 2 fours)

TA J Stewart not out 47
(75min, 59 balls, 4 fours)

Extras (D 5, W 8, NB 2) 15

Total (4 wickets, 39.3 overs, 189min) 162

Scores after 12 overs: 29-3

M A Ealham, O C Lewis, D G Cork, D Gough and P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Atherton 0), 2-2 (Atherton 1), 3-23 (Thorpe 14), 4-88 (Thorpe 39).

BOWLING: Srinath 9-4-18-1 (1 four; 7-4-1, 1-0-6-0, 1-0-5-0); Prasad 9-3-35-2 (5 fours; 7-3-20-2, 2-0-13-0); Kumble 9-0-38-0 (w 3; one spell; 5-0-18-0, 2-0-6-0, 4-0-14-0); Mhambrey 6-0-29-0 (nb 2; 3 fours; 4-0-17-0, 2-0-12-0); Tendulkar 3-0-15-0 (w 3; one spell; Jadeja 3-0-22-0 (w 1, 3 fours; 2-0-15-0, 1-0-7-0); Manjrekar 0-3-0-0 (1 four; one spell).

England won by six wickets.

Match assisted: G P Thorpe (Adjudicator: S M Ganesaraj).

Umpires: M J Kitchin and A G T Whitehead. Reserve umpire: D J Constant. Referee: C W Smith (West Indies).

□ Compiled by Bill Frindall

Illingworth prepares for battle to defend his corner

By Alan Lee

HEADINGLEY (England won toss): England beat India by six wickets

COMPRESSED by rain and deficient in runs, this was an undistinguished international played on an unsuitable pitch and it failed to retain the attention of either the crowd or the embattled chairman of England's selectors.

Out on the western terrace at Headingley, men with painted faces danced the conga. Raymond Illingworth did not feel like dancing and his face was masked not with paint but with a rising indignation that promises to extend and expand the political side-show that has upstaged a watery week of cricket.

Illingworth's future is clouded. There is nothing new in his intention to stand down at the end of the season, for this was mutually agreed with the Test and County Cricket

Board weeks ago, but the momentum gathering against him may yet bring him down sooner, for all his native inclination to fight.

A mere mention of the names Malcolm or Botham in Illingworth's presence guarantees a vitriolic monologue and the chairman's heightening awareness of the campaign in the shires to hasten his departure is merely adding to his militant mood.

The upshot is that while his England team took a 1-0 lead in the Test match series with an ultimately convincing win over India, Illingworth was telling anyone who cared to listen that he was not lightly going to be hounded out of office over the publication of a book that might kindly be called indiscreet. A disciplinary hearing seems imminent.

Illingworth has never been one to admit that he got things wrong, so the fact that he now concedes that it would have been preferable if he had

waited until Christmas to publish his book amounts to an unusual admission. But he remains intent on defending his rights both to publish and to express the views within the book, which he maintains are fair and constructive.

The gathering clan of malcontents who see this situation as an opportunity to out him have sharpened his antennae and his conversation now has a persecuted air. "I'm fed up with a lot of what has happened and if it comes to a showdown, so be it," he said.

Illingworth claims he has not yet received a writ from Ian Botham, who is threatening to sue him over remarks made in a newspaper interview, but this is another battle he is unwilling to concede with an apology and conciliation.

The chairman is fighting mad and, while it seems sure to provide soap opera entertainment during the coming weeks, its effect on his team can hardly be beneficial.

Wisely, in his distracted state, Illingworth appears to be leaving the matchday mechanics to his coach and captain. They coped well again on Saturday, after Atherton had won an important toss and, but for the foul weather at the Oval, they would have secured the trophy before crossing the Pennines for the final game.

India have looked a limited team so far. Traditionally poor travellers, they have not helped themselves by picking an unbalanced attack, top-heavy with spin bowling, and they are plainly finding one of the coldest Mays for 250 years conspiring against them. We shall see them at their best only in a hot June.

Their batting on Saturday lacked wit and conviction and, later, they spurned a chance to overturn mid-match odds of 8-1 on England with fielding that fell way below the impressive standards of the home team. Srinath and Prasad had

put England into dire trouble, bowling penetratingly with the new ball, but the support bowlers could not sustain the pressure and Graham Thorpe's assured 79 not out secured the victory with 15 balls to spare.

The game was shortened to 45 and then 42 overs per side by morning rain and India, obliged to bat first on a green-tinted pitch offering excessive sideways movement, were never out of second gear. Tendulkar's run out, accurately executed by Ealham from mid-on, was the first of three in the Indian innings. There were some splendid catches, too, and a solitary miss, by Thorpe off the deserving Gough, stood out in recent England fielding it would have been commonplace.

India lost their last five wickets for 13, batting with such carelessness that they failed even to see out their overs. As England came off, the coach, David Lloyd, stood

at the top of the steps with a word of praise and a backslap for all. Soon, however, he was fretting again as his "team" subsided to 23 for three, a plight that would have been far worse if both Atherton and Thorpe had not been reprieved in a single over from Prasad.

Thorpe made the Indians pay. His cover-driving was classical and precise, his defence sure, and, when joined by his county captain, Stewart, for the fifth wicket, batting began to look comfortable for the first time in the day.

Illingworth: indignant

Traditionalists witness a race to forget

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN INDIANAPOLIS

THE INDIANAPOLIS 500 started life as an anti-race here yesterday. The spectators still came in their hundreds of thousands and ensured it remained the biggest single-day sporting event in the world but what they saw was a gaudy game show, not a white-knuckle drama. They came, in short, because they always come.

They came for Saturday's parade through the streets of the city, to gaze on Gasoline Alley, to sit outside, or on top of, their camper vans in deck chairs sucking down beer after beer. They came to do what they always do here on Memorial Day Weekend, lured by the siren song of tradition.

promise of mayhem induced by the presence of so many inexperienced drivers. Even that did not materialise and all they got, in the first half of the 200 laps around the 2.5 mile oval, was a comedy of basic errors.

It started when the drivers responded to the instruction "Gentlemen, start your engines" and were then promptly told to turn them off. When the race started, it was interrupted constantly by cars spinning at the exit of the pitlane, spinning on the track even when the cars were under the yellow caution flag. Almost a third of the first 100 laps were run under the yellow flag while the minor accidents were cleared from the track. After 150 laps, Roberto Guerrero was the leader.

But it was the internal squabble between two strands of American motor sport that turned yesterday's race into a sort of twisted fairy story, a chance for this succession of racing no-hopers to weave amongst each other at speeds of more than 230mph in front of a crowd of 350,000. Some had never driven an IndyCar; others had credentials even less reliable.

Meet Racin Gardner, from Las Vegas. Slick Racin is his real name,

christened in honour of his father. Racin builds houses in his spare time. Last year, he tested a car called the "Green Monster" for a land speed record. Earlier this year, he attended the Buck Baker Driving School. He spent most of yesterday's race in last place. More than half the field of 33 had never raced before.

In contrast, none of the star drivers whose family names have become part of American culture, drivers like Al Unser Jr and Michael Andretti, and new heroes like Paul Tracy and Jimmy Vasser, took part here. They were in Brooklyn, Michigan, taking part in the inaugural US 500, set up as a protest against qualifying restrictions imposed for this race by Tony George, the President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That race, too, was dogged by mediocrity when 12 of the 26 cars were taken out of the race before it had even started when Vasser spun on the parade lap.


George has created a breakaway IndyCar organisation, the Indy Racing League (IRL), with the Indy 500 at its heart. It is supposed to be an attempt to take IndyCar back to its oval racing roots and give young American drivers

a better chance to get a drive. The top talents, though, have stayed in the opposing series, run by the Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), and the IRL has been left with the flotsam and jetsam.

ABC still televised the race live yesterday and polls suggested it would attract more viewers than the US 500, which started two hours later and was broadcast by ESPN. Those who tuned in to the Indy 500 expecting the usual fare, though, got a rude shock.

One of the only experienced drivers, Scott Brayton, was killed in practice here ten days ago, the 40th driver to lose his life at the Speedway. So the 80th Indy 500 was a sad parody of itself before it had even started. Outside the gates, ticket touts were left clutching thick wads of tickets that usually sell for more than \$1,000, unable even to give them away.

In the short term, the Indianapolis 500 will survive, partly because it is an American institution, partly because it is not necessary to have the best drivers in the world to have an entertaining race. If the feud continues, though, George may discover that even institutions can fall into decay, fade and die.



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Sri Lanka step up campaign to gain Test tour

By IVO TENNANT

SRI LANKA, the World Cup holders, who are to participate in an exhibition match at Norman Park, Bromley, Kent today and take on an International XI at Bristol on Friday, have appealed to the Prime Minister in their attempts to play a full Test series in England. The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) has granted them just one match in 1998 with the possibility of another after 2002.

In spite of winning the World Cup, Sri Lanka are likely to play no more than one Test this year. Upali Dharmadasa, president of the Board of Control, met officials from Australia recently in a vain attempt to persuade them that their tour in August should incorporate two Tests as well as one-day matches. Now he is to lobby the International Cricket Council, claiming that each Test-playing country should play the same number of matches per year.

"We are negotiating with other countries to tour Sri Lanka for a Test series this August," Dharmadasa said. Tryphon Miranda, the Board's secretary, admitted that winning the World Cup had not helped them to organise Test matches. "All the other nations have set up their schedules many years in advance," he said.

They are aware that they cannot lobby the TCCB any further and that their chances of playing more Test matches in England in 1998 are dependent on South Africa agreeing to come for a shorter tour than is scheduled. This would seem to be unlikely.

Sri Lanka will, however, be playing two Tests in West Indies next April and will also host a series against India next year.

Their party in England have yet to hear whether John Major will be able to come to either of their matches this week, which are in aid of charity. More than 100 MPs have signed an all-party motion calling for Alan Smith, the chief executive of the TCCB, to try to change England's schedule over the coming years.



Wells, the Leicestershire batsman, flashes at a ball at Edgbaston yesterday which also eludes Burns, the Warwickshire wicketkeeper

Mullally in irresistible form

By IVO TENNANT

ONE of the attractions of the AXA Equity & Law League is that matches can be played which would be aborted or simply not started if they were deemed first-class. It rained all around the country yesterday, yet there were still concluded contests — of sorts — at Edgbaston, Taunton, Gloucester and Canterbury. No matter that one was decided on a better run rate and another was little more than a late afternoon slog.

At Gloucester, there was sufficient cricket, 15 overs a side, for Surrey to beat Gloucestershire by 72 runs. Darren Bicknell made the most important contribution, a half-century. At Edgbaston, another revised match resulted in Leicestershire beating Warwickshire. Mullally took five for 15 in eight overs to dismiss the runners-up of last year for a mere 95. Born in

Southend-on-Sea and raised in Western Australia, he is as committed to achieving success for Leicestershire as is Nigel Briers. There can be no higher praise than that. These were his best figures in this competition.

Warwickshire's revised target was 134 in 36 overs. With the ball bouncing and seaming alarmingly on a pitch freshened up by rain, half the side were out for 31 before Mullally had completed his spell. The lower order batted without accomplishment against the change bowlers, Simmons and Wells, both of whom took two wickets. That Leicestershire had achieved a reasonable total, albeit in slightly easier conditions, owed much to a half-century by Maddy, 55 off 62 balls, and some useful runs by Wells. Small and Reeve took three wickets apiece.

Rain brought a premature end to Derbyshire's match

with Essex at Derby, but not before Hussain had made sufficient runs to impress Brian Bolus, one of Raymond Illingworth's two observers, to say nothing of an England selector in Gooch, one of his partners. There were a number of attractive strokes in his innings of 41 on a slow pitch and still slower outfield. Bolus cuts a less curious

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Northants (13)	3	3	0	0	12
Leics (7)	3	3	0	0	12
Warwick (17)	3	3	0	0	12
Warwick (2)	3	3	0	0	12
Leicestershire (4)	3	3	0	0	12
Derbyshire (8)	3	3	0	0	12
Surrey (9)	3	3	0	0	12
Yorkshire (12)	3	3	0	0	12
Worcestershire (5)	3	3	0	0	12
Worcestershire (11)	3	3	0	0	12
Gloucestershire (6)	3	3	0	0	12
Gloucestershire (14)	3	3	0	0	12
Essex (5)	3	3	0	0	12
Essex (18)	3	3	0	0	12
Sussex (10)	3	3	0	0	12
Gloucester (15)	3	3	0	0	12

(Last season's positions in brackets)

figure than Alan Knott. Illingworth's other observer, who sits anonymously behind the arm in dark glasses and up-turned collar. But he retains the marked enthusiasm for the game that he always possessed. To his chagrin yesterday, the top score of the day was made by an Australian, Law, who made 46, and who is taking to limited-overs cricket in much the same way as he has to the county championship.

Essex managed 207 for seven. Before the rain arrived, they took the crucial wicket of another Australian, Jones, who was leg-before to floor playing across the first ball of the innings. Derbyshire reached 17 without further loss before the downpour. Although the players helped the ground staff clear the covering when it had ceased, the umpires deemed that the square was too wet for the match to continue.

The conditions were little better at other grounds. Not even a ten overs a side thrash was possible at Portsmouth, where Hampshire were due to play Durham, or Horsham, where Sussex should have played Middlesex, and two

reductions in the number of overs could not bring about a positive result at Ebbw Vale. The match started nearly two hours late and became one of 26 overs a side before a further ten overs were lopped off.

Worcestershire deserved better. They restricted Glamorgan to 114 for five. Illingworth and Moody taking two wickets apiece, and although Courtney, that considerably under-rated limited-overs batsman, struck eight fours in his unbeaten 44, this was a target well within their compass. The promotion in the batting order of Gibson, the West Indian all-rounder who will have a grain operation following Glamorgan's Benson and Hedges quarter-final tomorrow at Cardiff, did not come off.

Moody and Curtis, Worcestershire's openers, were all too aware of the imminent threat of the weather. By the time the rain started to cascade down, the latter had outscored his captain, quite something in this form of the game, or, for that matter, in first-class cricket. He had struck five fours in a total of 34 from 5.3 overs before the abandonment was made.

Bradman plays dead bat in new biography



John Woodcock says the world's greatest batsman is happy to maintain a reputation for reticence

Unusually for him, Sir Donald Bradman has taken a biographer into his home, and, with the help of his set of *Wisden*, run through his astounding career, more or less in his own words. The result is *The Don*, by Roland Perry, a book of over 600 pages, closely detailed and yet, in itself, confirmation of the great man's natural reticence.

Despite what certain of his contemporaries in his early Australian sides may have claimed, Bradman has always much preferred seclusion to the limelight. He stole their thunder not by design or with calculated relish, but simply because he was a cricketing phenomenon.

It can be argued that his pre-eminence with a bat in his hand, has never been equalled by anyone at any time in any other game, though I throw that in only for consideration.

Now 87, Bradman still lives in the leafy Adelaide suburb where he settled in 1935, when the chance of a career in stockbroking prompted a move from New South Wales.

Those who make the pilgrimage there, in the hope of setting eyes on him, are likely to do so only if he happens to be leaving for one of his twice-weekly rounds of golf. Until not long ago, he could hole the course in a score lower than his age — if the puts went in, that is, and there was run on the ball and it was a reasonably still day.

Such were his powers of commitment that he could well have been a championship golfer (when he had the time, he got his handicap down to one) or a championship squash player (even as an occasional player he reached the final of the South Australian championships) or a championship billiards player (he was soon making three-figure breaks after acquiring his own table) or a championship tennis player (he could beat all-comers as a country boy). He had a good enough mind to have become chairman of the Australian stock exchange or a member of the Menzies cabinet.

Instead, he gave himself to cricket, and to Jessie, whom he has known since 1919 and whom he married in 1932. They are an utterly devoted, self-sufficient couple. Had

Perry known more about cricket than he evidently does, he might have been able to penetrate the Don's defences more revealingly than he has; but I doubt it. Even when Kerry Packer was playing such havoc with the game in Australia, Bradman never really opened his heart and said what he felt about it.

His reason for not doing so was high-minded enough: he felt that it was for the then chairman of the Australian Cricket Board to be seen at the crease, not a backbencher, however influential. One longed, even so, to hear him put Packer down.

Likewise, he prefers to let bygones be bygones where Bodyline is concerned. What this book does convey is the monumental extent of Bradman's achievements, the swiftness with which he emerged from the bush to become an Australia demigod, indeed one of the world's great sporting idols, and just how much it could and occasionally did take out of him.

The word "sporting" is relevant here, because although he came not to suffer fools gladly, and could be, even at an early age, decidedly wary, sportsmanship was paramount to him. Typically, R. C. Robertson-Glasgow got it right when he described the Don as "that rarest of nature's creations, a genius with an eye to business".

Nobody meeting him for the first time can ever have been less than a little awed. Had he been born only 40 years later, he might never, as it were, have happened. The proliferation of fiercely short-pitched bowling, protective field-placing and lungeable over-rates (12 an hour as against 22), would almost certainly have precluded it. He had one score that the 300 which he scored on the first day of the third Test at Headingley in 1930 might have amounted to no more than 165 had the tactics that came into the game in the 1960s and 1970s been customary then.

As a commentary on modern trends, need any more be said?

□ *The Don*, by Roland Perry (Sidgwick and Jackson, £25).

Fleming's sense of fun lifts gloom

By PAT GIBSON

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Yorkshire by ten wickets

MATTHEW FLEMING is the very antithesis of the Yorkshire cricketer. Unlike our friends from the north, the former officer in the Royal Green Jackets really does play his cricket for fun and he was in his element when this AXA Equity & Law League match was reduced to a 10-over slog.

Cricket was never meant to start at the latest possible time, 5.58pm. It was dark and spitting with rain but the players went to work willingly.

which Fleming swept Kent to victory with 4.5 overs to spare.

First he took a Sunday best four for 13 in his two overs as Yorkshire were restricted to 87 for five. Then he struck 63 off only 20 balls, including seven sixes, to give Kent four points which made the waiting worthwhile for the Canterbury faithful.

A remarkable number of spectators hung around the St Lawrence Ground and their patience was rewarded when the umpires decided that the shortest possible contest could start at the latest possible time, 5.58pm. It was dark and spitting with rain but the players went to work willingly.

ly, Kent put Yorkshire in and it looked as though they would have a stiff target to chase when Bevan and Blakey put on 44 in four overs for the second wicket. Wren was hit for 22 off one over and Kent were looking for inspiration when Fleming came on to bowl the eighth over.

A week earlier he had got the Sunday champions' season by scoring a century and taking three wickets against Essex. Now he had White caught at long off with his first ball. Bevan taken at long off from his second and McGrath and Vaughan both brilliantly caught by Llong on the mid-wicket boundary.

If his bowling was spectacular enough, it was nothing compared with his extraordinary exhibition with the bat. Silverwood was carved for six over point in his first over which also yielded another six over long.

Three more sixes, one over backward square leg and two more over mid-wicket came in Hamilton's first over and when White came on Fleming quickly applied the *coup de grace*. A six over backward square took him to 50 off 16 balls, a top-edged hook just cleared fine leg before running for four and yet another six, swatted over point, won the game.

SUNDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Gloucestershire v Surrey
Gloucestershire won toss; Surrey (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 72 runs

SURREY	
D M Ward run out	4
D J Bicknell bow b Ball	51
A J Hollister run out	1
B P Julien c Symonds b Lewis	1
N Smith c Alynne b Ball	1
J D Ratcliffe not out	18
B C Hollister not out	18
Extras (b 3, w 5, nb 0)	8
Total (5 wickets, 15 overs)	134
Gloucestershire	62
BOWLING: Smith 3-0-0-0; Lewis 3-0-13-1; Alynne 3-0-39-0; Ward 3-0-51-0; Ball 2-10-16-0; Hollister 1-0-0-0	

Gloucestershire

A J Wright c Julien	28
R J Dawson c Kearney b M P Bicknell	0
A Symonds c Shorrocks b M P Bicknell	0
H C Hancock c D M Ward b Benjamin	3
M A Lynch c Kearney b Benjamin	1
M W Alynne c Ratcliffe b B C Hollister	5
R C Russell c D J Bicknell	1
B A Hollister	14
A Walsh b Julien	0
M C Ball b A J Hollister	0
J Lewis not out	0
A M Smith b Julien	0
Extras (b 1, w 5, w 5)	11
Total (12.2 overs)	60
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-11, 4-23, 5-41, 6-58, 7-58, 8-64, 9-64.	
BOWLING: M P Bicknell 3-0-13-2; Benjamin 3-0-11-2; B C Hollister 3-0-14-1; A J Hollister 2-0-17-2; Julien 1-0-0-0.	
Umpires: H D Bird and T E Jessy.	

Kent v Yorkshire

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Yorkshire by ten wickets

YORKSHIRE	
M G Bevan c McCague b Fleming	28
TR J Blakey c Marsh b Thompson	9
C White c Wren b Fleming	27
D Bates not out	6
A McGrath c Llong b Fleming	0
M P Vaughan c Llong b Fleming	8
A G Wharf not out	2
Extras (b 3, w 4)	7
Total (5 wickets, 10 overs)	87

Warwick v Leics

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Warwickshire by a higher run rate

LEICESTERSHIRE	
P V Simmons bow b Small	25
M P Fleming not out	55
Extras (b 2)	6
Total (no wicket, 5.5 overs)	66
C J Hooper, G R Conway, M J Walker, J B Thompson, N J Llong, T S A Marsh, M J McCague, N W Panton and T N Wren did not bat	
BOWLING: Hartery 1-0-0-0; Silverwood 2-0-30-0; Hamilton 2-0-33-0; Wells 0-5-19-0; Small 0-1-0-0; Panton and A C Watson	

Somerset v Northants

TAUNTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Somerset by one wicket

M N Lathwell c Curren b Taylor	9
P D Bowler bow b Taylor	5
M E Trescowthick bow b Curren	5
S Lee c Fordham b Taylor	2
G D Ross c Ambrose b Curren	6
A N Hayhurst not out	8
TR J Turner c Warren b Ambrose	39
J D Kerr not out	14
Extras (b 1, w 2, nb 0)	11
Total (6 wickets, 28 overs)	141
K J Shiva, A R Coddick and H R J Trump did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-25, 3-25, 4-31, 5-40, 6-126	
BOWLING: Ambrose 6-1-28-1, Taylor 6-0-22-3, Curren 6-0-33-2, Pennington 5-0-27-0, Cappel 5-0-28-0	
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Northamptonshire

M R Loeasey c Turnip b Caddick	8
M B Loece c Turner b Caddick	8
D J Cappel b Shine	29
K M Curran c Caddick b Shine	2
T H J Warren c Turner b Shine	2
A L Pennington b Lee	9
E E Emburey b Caddick	5
C E L Ambrose not out	11
J P Taylor not out	19
Extras (b 12, w 5)	17
Total (6 wickets, 27.5 oovers)	145
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-22, 3-32, 4-46,	
5-56, 6-103, 7-110, 8-123, 9-127.	
BOWLING: Caddick 5-1-25-3; Rose 6-0-26-	

Warwickshire v Essex

DERBY (Derbyshire won toss): No result. Derbyshire (2pts) Essex (2)

LEICESTERSHIRE	
P V Simmons lbw b Reeve	1
V J Wells c Reeve b Small	33
B F Smith run b Reeve	12
D J Whitaker b Small	10
N L Maddy c Penney b Pollock	55
A Habbib b Small	12
JP A Nisnon b Giles	2
C C Penney c Burns b Brown	1
G J Parsons b Giles	0
D Williamson c Penney b Reeve	9
A D Mully not out	0

Derbyshire v Essex

DERBY (Derbyshire won toss): No result. Derbyshire (2pts) Essex (2)

ESSEX	
D D J Robinson c Pollie b Bees	12
S G Law c Harris b Barnett	1
N Hussain c and b Vardana	41
P J Richardson c Krikorian b Wells	42
G A Gough c Adams b Vardana	1
TR J Pollie c Krikorian b Barnett	19
M C Ball run out	14
A P Grayson not out	5

Glamorgan v Worcestershire

EDBVALE (Worcestershire won toss): No result. Glamorgan (2pts) Worcestershire (2)

DERBYSHIRE	
"D M Jones bow b Irott	0
K J Barnett not out	8
C J Adams not out	7
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (1 wkt, 5 overs)	17
S A Pollins, J E Owen, C M Wells, JK M	
Kirkham, M J Vindraur, P Aldred, A J Harris	
and S J Base to bat.	
FALL OF WICKET: 1-0.	

Worcestershire

T M Moody not out	10
T S Curtis not out	22
Extras (b 1)	1
Total (no wicket, 5.3 overs)	34
W P C Weston, D A Llewellyn, K E Salter, S R Lampitt, T S J Rhodes, V S Salter, P J Newport, R K Moxley and A Sheppard did not bat	
BOWLING: Watson 3-0-13-0; Barnett 2-0-20-0	

No play yesterday

Hamshire: No result. Sussex (2pts) Middlesex (2). Portsmouth: No result. Hampshire (2) Durham (2).

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ALAN LEE
Champion

previously so resilient, is one of anxiety at Edgbaston, another is the team bowling which has won them so many games. Munton, still missing with a broken bone in his hand, is being much missed. So, too, is Donald, whose deputy, Pollock, is not yet taking a significant number of championship wickets. Warwickshire have suffered their

Another team beginning to flourish is Gloucestershire, for whom Tim Hancock, 24, made his first century for two years against Surrey at Gloucester. Surrey, who have provided England with most of their top order, declined to 137 for six, a risk of following on, before Ward and Kersey led them to safety and an overnight declaration.

Only the mental contortions of the captains, and more benevolent weather than is forecast, can concoct results elsewhere today, which may leave ample scope for further dressing-room debate on what is going wrong for the top two.

Fraser offers consistent argument for selection

It has not happened often enough this season for Fraser to be able to take anything for granted when Illingworth and Company pick the team for the first Test against India, but he is as fit, as keen, and as happy with his bowling as he has ever been since a chronic hip condition stopped him in his tracks after the 1990-91 Australia

His detractors will tell you that he has never recaptured the zip he had before that injury, which kept him out for 2½ years, despite the fact that he made a triumphant comeback against Australia in 1993, bowled England to victory in Barbados the following winter and took six wickets in the Old Trafford Test against the West Indians as recently as last July.

"You are forever trying to prove people wrong," Fraser, still only 30, sighs, "because it does not take a lot for people to change their views. I think I'm bowling very well, as well as I've

owed for a long time. I'm not impeded by injury and it's not just a question of playing another summer, another winter. I hope, I can stay at the top for another two or three years and play for Middlesex or another six or seven.

"You spend so much of your time worrying about England selection because it means so much to you that you put yourself under extra pressure. I really believe that I'm the second best bowler in the country after Dominic Cork but I've got to the stage where I just think 'Right, all I can do is my best for Middlesex and if they don't pick me then they

must have found two or three world-class bowlers from somewhere in the past few months."

It should help Fraser's cause that Michael Atherton is one of his greatest friends but he has learnt from past experience not to expect any favours. "We get on very well, socially and in a working environment," Fraser said, "but he's dropped me more than any other captain I've played for. If that's what your best mates do, what can you expect of your enemies?"



Fraser, left, and Malcolm celebrate taking wickets for England. Both now hope that their Test careers are not consigned to history. Photographs: Graham Morris

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE events of the past week might have given people the impression that Devon Malcolm is living, at least playing, under a cloud. Not a bit of it. He is smiling through this troubled period of his life, knowing that others are prepared to question the propriety of Raymond Illingworth's latest public criticism.

Mike Horton, the chairman of Derbyshire, formally responded on the club's behalf. "The book should not have been published during the season," he said. "If Raymond Illingworth were to write it after he retires that would be an entirely different matter, but that is not the case. It is appearing while he is still the chairman of selectors.

position and a decision taken on purely commercial grounds. To blame one man for the loss of a Test series, as he did with Devon, is grossly unfair." Derbyshire, said Horton, expect the Test and County Cricket Board's (TCCB) disciplinary committee to take "strong action".

Malcolm could not have picked a better time to provide his answer. On the day last week that Illingworth was telling readers that Malcolm lacked the "spunk" England expected from a fast bowler, the main story on the field was Malcolm bowling Derbyshire to victory with six for 52, the best figures of his county career.

From all accounts he bowled fast and straight, scaring more than one Glamorgan batsman out, and hitting the gloves hard. Against Essex

in the present championship match he bowled well on the first day, when he removed Graham Gooch, who can supply a favourable report to his fellow selectors if they ask.

But will they? Illingworth has aired his opinions at an inappropriate time, as Horton and others have indicated, but they are not ill-considered. Malcolm bowled poorly in South Africa even before the second afternoon of the final Test in Cape Town, when England began to throw away the chance of winning the match and the series. It must be remembered, however, that England made only 310 runs in their two

The selectors meet in Manchester on Saturday to discuss the team for the first Test against India which begins at Edgbaston the following

Thursday, and there are problems with the bowling. Dominic Cork will certainly play, Peter Martin will probably play — and then who? There is always the dependable Angus Fraser, as Michael Atherton will remind everybody, but Tim Munton is injured and to pick Darren Gough on present form flies in the face of all reason.

David Lloyd has been saying that he is "not interested in what happened in the past", and, by helping to bring back Chris Lewis, he has been as good as his word. Clearly, if Lewis is back in favour, there is hope for all who have strayed from the path of

Memories are still fresh of the debacle at Edgbaston last year when West Indies bowled out England for 147 and 89 on an appalling pitch.

Warwickshire have switched the pitch this year, on the advice of Harry Brund, the TCCB's pitch consultant, and there is no way of knowing it will not misbehave until people start bowling on it.

There must be a chance that it will be green and, of all Test pitches in England, it is the most likely to be uneven. Marry that consideration to the lack of preparation the Indians have had since they arrived a month ago, and England will begin the Test fully expecting to win it, so long as their bowlers are primed.

Along with Alec Stewart and Robin Smith, Malcolm is generally considered expendable after England's disappointing winter. Bowlers, of course, are always more expendable than batsmen, as Malcolm is about to find out.

A Farthing or Turner's Shire	4	G Welch or Nelson B Muscally	10
H Bailey Bow or Rose	34	A F Gilbey Bow or Muscally	10
H Bailey Bow or Rose	114	G C Small or B Shire	10
D J Doyle Bow or Rose	28	Edna (B & S, W & T)	10
D J Doyle Bow or Rose	68	Total (£73 vs others)	164
M C Curran or Treaschick B Rose	55		
A L Parberrby or Bowker B Shire	45	FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-35, 3-43, 4-105, 5-202, 6-121, 7-154, 8-193, 9-104.	
E Embury or Coker B Shire	12	BOWLING: Molineux 2-47, 3-50, 4-56, 5-104, 6-104, 7-154, 8-193, 9-104.	
G E Lill or Coker not out	21	B-54: Parns 2-47, 3-50, 4-56, 5-104, 6-104, 7-154, 8-193, 9-104.	
J F Taylor not out	21		
Extras (6 b, 10 w, 6 nb, 8 R)	39	LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings	
Total (w/o wicket, 90 overs)	368		
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-14, 3-36, 4-167, 5-221, 6-208, 7-134, 8-351, 9-251.			
BOWLING: Caddick 29-55-1; Shire 22-49-5; Scott 22-77-45; Lill 11-22-78; Haydn-Jones 22-80-72-2.			
SOMERSET: First Innings			
N L Lancelotti not out	44	V J Wells Bow or B Small	21
P D Bowler not out	10	D L Medley Bow or B Welch	35
Extras (8 b, 4 nb, 4 R)	34	W G Smith or C Rose B Small	35
Total (w/o wicket, 28 overs)	88	P V Shires not out	100
		J J Whitaker B Brown	45
		W G Smith or C Rose B Welch	35
		P A Nixon or C Piper B Welch	35
		D J Milne not out	17
		Extras (4 b, 8, 15 nb, 14 R)	20
		Total (w/o wicket, 90 overs)	299
		G F Parsons, A R K Pearson and D A Mucally vs.	
		FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-49, 3-160, 4-40, 5-20, 5-21, 6-259.	
		BOWLING: Caddick 19-47-47; Small 12-0-55-2; Brown 10-35-31; Giles 15-43-30; Reed 10-35-31; Milne 10-35-30.	
		Bonus points: Warwickshire 2 Leicester-shire 4.	
		Umpires: J Burgess and D R Shepherd.	
Umpires: J H Hampshire and G Sharp.			
Warwickshire v		University match	
Leicestershire		Oxford University v	
EDGBASTON (third day of four): Leicestershire, with four test-cricketing visitors in attendance, took a 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-			

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Durie's goal fails to ignite victory

Scotland succumb to march of the American dream

United States 2
Scotland 1

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA
IN NEW BRITAIN
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DEFEAT is robbed of some of its trauma when it occurs before a crowd of only 8,526 in a modest little ground on a relaxed Connecticut afternoon, but this result in Willowbrook Park, New Britain, was perturbing in other respects. The loss of the match — through Cobi Jones's majestic 20-yard shot in the 72nd minute — will matter less to Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, than his side's difficulty in finding similar explosiveness.

His search for a remedy has been conspicuous of late. In qualifying for the European championship finals, Scotland displayed the caution of a team conscious of its frailties. Yesterday there was an attempt to achieve more on foreign soil than simple resistance, and freshness was exchanged for experience in midfield.

This meant that established figures such as John Collins and Gary McAllister spent the first half idling on the bench in the sunshine. Their replacements were, however, grateful to be assigned their labours.

Men such as Eoin Jess are far more than deputies and the Coventry City player, with his pensive skills, should be able to press his claim for a prominent role in Brown's plans. There was vivacity in the early Scotland play and they took the lead in the ninth minute.

Burley's fine pass down the right was the crucial element, allowing Jackson to cut the ball back for Booth to turn a shot against the inside of the post. The rebound rolled obligingly for Durie to finish.

The Rangers forward was winning his first cap for two years and although his goal was not of the type that amounts to an instant vindication, it did encourage an energetic performance in the first half that gave Scotland impetus. The United States are, however, long past the stage when they succumb readily.

Indeed, some of their results, such as a 3-0 victory over Argentina last year, have been intimidating. Throughout the United States there is a conviction



Durie: energetic

that football, in the wake of the 1994 World Cup, is becoming established. Major League Soccer, which began in April, is already finding a niche in the life of this nation.

On Saturday night in Boston, 15,000 watched the New England Revolution play Colorado Rapids. It was an average attendance and a routine match, yet the enthusiasm of the crowd and its acceptable size suggest a sport — and a national team — that can be part of American life.

There was a shrewdness in its direction of their attack yesterday, with the uncertainty of Scotland on the left of the defence swiftly identified. Although United States equal-

ised as early as the fifteenth minute, it was no surprise that their goal originated in that area.

The influential Harkes supplied Ramos, and as he twisted inside Whyte, the Middlesbrough defender sent him crashing. Wynalda drove home the penalty forcefully.

Scotland continued to work diligently, however, and their play grew more measured as the interval approached. Jess might even have scored then, but an impish chip floated over the bar. With his poise and scrupulous use of the ball he had, none the less, demonstrated his worth to Scotland in this game. He remained on the field, but a flurry of substitutions was to rob his team of its coherence.

McAllister could have restored Scotland's lead, instead of skewing a shot from Spencer's knock-down just wide, but as time passed it was the United States who retained a greater sense of the game's significance and it was Harkes, forceful and perceptive, who looked as if he might compel a winner.

His through pass, in the 52nd minute, set Wynalda free, but he could only drive against Leighton. A little later, Harkes himself was provided with an opportunity by Jones, but he clipped the outside of the post with a curving finish.

SCOTLAND (3-5-2): J. Leighton (Hibernian); sub: N. Walker, Patrick Thistle, R. Brown; C. Hendry (Blackburn Rovers); D. Whyte (Middlesbrough); C. Burley (Chelsea); sub: S. McCall, R. Hargrove, D. Jackson (Hibernian); sub: S. McAllister, Leeds; sub: 45; E. Jess (Coventry City); S. Gennell (Nottingham Forest); sub: J. Collins, 45; S. Boyd (Cardiff); D. Durie (Rangers); sub: J. Spencer, Chelsea; 45; S. Booth (Aberdeen).

UNITED STATES (4-3-3): J. Bonner (Queens Park Rangers); M. Burns (New England Revolution); A. Latta (New England Revolution); M. Bellone (Colorado Rapids); J. Agosin (Washington DC United); J. Jones (LA Galaxy); J. Harkes (Washington DC United); T. Dooley (Seattle Sounders); sub: J. Grovick, Manchester United; 55; C. Reyna (Bayer Leverkusen); sub: R. McBride, Columbus Crew; 60; E. Stewart (Bayer Leverkusen); E. Wynalda (San Jose Clash); Referee: E. Carter, Mexico.



Strodder, of Notts County, leaves Stallard flat on the Wembley turf during Bradford's victory in the second division play-off final yesterday

Bradford rise to Wembley challenge

Bradford City 2
Notts County 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WHEN Chris Kamara became manager of Bradford City in November, replacing Lennie Lawrence, his side were virtual non-entities in the Endsligh Insurance League second division, neither winners nor woeful. Yesterday, six months on, they deservedly defeated Notts County in the play-off final to take their place in the first division next season.

It was Bradford's first appearance at Wembley. When they won the FA Cup by

beating Newcastle United, after a replay, in 1911, the matches were played at Crystal Palace and Old Trafford. It was County's fifth appearance in seven years, in play-off finals and the Anglo-Italian Cup and yet, almost from start to finish, it was the Wembley rookies and their rookie manager who were destined for victory.

Kamara, the former Leeds United midfielder player, has already set himself the highest of standards. "I hope this is just the start," he said. "We won't be sleeping next season; we'll be trying to go the whole way."

The first half, apart from an early goal from Hamilton, will

fill barely a paragraph in the annals of play-off history. As a spectacle, it was as depressing as the dank, unseasonal conditions. County continuously booted the ball forward, hopefully towards Martindale and Battersby but usually nowhere in particular. Bradford, who finished five points adrift of County during the regular season, at least contemplated their options before exercising them.

Hamilton's goal, in the ninth minute, burned brightly amid the general gloom. Collecting possession from Martindale's headed flick, he set off past Agana, Baraolough and Strodder, somehow keeping balance as his feet slithered

beneath him. As Ward, the goalkeeper, approached, Hamilton, born in Bradford and only 19, drove his shot in via the crossbar.

Matters improved after the interval, with County's crass, direct approach replaced by a bit more guile. Martindale glanced a header wide, from Finnan's cross, and Battersby forced a finger-tip save from the previously unemployed Gould with a delightful 20-yard drive. However, just when an equaliser appeared plausible, Bradford extended their lead. In the 74th minute, Huxford crossed from the right and Ormondroyd, a substitute, rose at the near post to make his first contribu-

tion. The header went straight to Stallard, who volleyed past Ward with much aplomb.

County responded, too late, with efforts from Martindale, Finnan and Richardson, before Kamara burst on to the pitch at the final whistle to embrace anyone and everyone in an amber-and-claret shirt. His only possible worry, in his infant managerial career, is that he may have peaked too soon.

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): J. Gould; R. Huxford, M. Hargrove, E. Yousif, W. Jacobs; D. Hamilton (sub); I. Ormondroyd, T. Finnan, L. Duxbury, A. Kamara (sub); T. Wright, 78; M. Stallard, C. Stallard. NOTTS COUNTY (4-4-2): D. Ward; S. Derry, S. Murphy, G. Strodder, I. Baraolough; S. Finnan, P. Rogers, I. Richardson; A. Agana; G. Martindale, A. Battersby (sub); G. Jones, 84. Referee: G. Singh

Walsh ready to put experience to good use

Russell Kempson talks to a defender who has no fears of the Endsligh Insurance League first division play-off at Wembley

Steve Walsh has been there, seen it, done it. In three successive Wembley play-off finals with Leicester City, from 1992 to 1994, he has experienced every emotion. The elation of victory, once the despair of defeat, twice the joy of scoring, three times.

He has conceded a crucial penalty, when David Speedie earned 5.9 for artistic impression for Blackburn Rovers. He has helped inspire a comeback from 3-0 down against Swindon Town. He has seen off Derby County, with both goals.

Wembley never loses its allure and, today, Walsh will lead out Leicester against Crystal Palace in the first division final. A swift return to the FA Cup Premiership awaits and he will draw on all of his memories, good and bad, in an effort to calm and cajole his colleagues.

Mike Whitlow, his fellow defender, will need little assis-

stance. He has shared, with Walsh, the highs and lows beneath the twin towers. Many of the others, though, will be grateful for any hints. "Winning is the only thing," Walsh, 31, said. "You cannot enjoy losing any final. After so much hard work, after all you've gone through, it's awful."

"I don't think we've been outplayed in any of our finals yet we've won only once. Defeat is hard to cope with, but perhaps the whole experience helps you the next time. It's easy to get mesmerised by the surroundings and lose your focus on the game. Suddenly, it has all passed you by. I think that's probably what I happen to me the first time."

The first time, in 1992, came against Kenny Dalglish's 66

million Blackburn side, in front of a crowd of 68,147. Walsh challenged Speedie, shortly before half-time, and the former Scotland striker took off into orbit. "You could say it was disputed," Walsh



Walsh: disciplined

said. Mike Newell tucked in the penalty, enough for a 1-0 win.

Second time out, Leicester's recovery from 3-0 to 3-3 against Swindon — Walsh scoring the second goal — ended when Kevin Poole, the goalkeeper, was adjudged to have fouled Steve White. "We disputed that, too," Walsh said. Paul Bodin made it 4-3 from the spot.

Third time, against Derby, proved lucky. Walsh scored twice in a 2-1 success, the winner arriving a minute from the end.

Walsh has enjoyed and endured much during a 14-year career, with Wigan Athletic and Leicester. He completes his tenth season at Filbert Street this afternoon and feels he has at last conquered the disciplinary

problems of old. The 6ft 3in centre back has been sent off 11 times, the same amount as Vinnie Jones, but has not seen red for two seasons. "Those days are well behind me now," he said.

After constant readjustment, he has handled, too, the changing managerial faces at Leicester. From Brian Little to Mark McGhee to Martin O'Neill, the present incumbent, in only 13 months. "When Martin joined, it was not easy for him or the players," Walsh said, "but then, slowly, everything began to come together."

Leicester failed to win in O'Neill's opening nine matches, but four successive victories at the end of the regular season secured their play-off berth. Stoke City were subsequently dispatched 1-0 on aggregate in the semi-finals and now Palace await on one of Wembley's more traumatic afternoons. At least Walsh, for one, knows what to expect.

Martyn happy he stayed

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

NIGEL MARTYN, the Crystal Palace goalkeeper, began the season in dispute with the club. He was one of the many Palace refuseniks who could not bear the thought of life in the Endsligh Insurance League after the drop from the FA Cup Premiership. He, like the others, wanted away.

Now, nine months on, he is happy again. He signed a new contract shortly before Dave Bassett took over as manager, and views a victory today, in the first division play-off final against Leicester City at Wembley, as the perfect way in which to conclude a long campaign.

"I was still disappointed about being relegated and everyone seemed to be leaving the club," Martyn, 29, said. "I could understand why the players wanted to go, and why the club was selling them, but it wasn't very unsettling." However, he, unlike most of the

others, has stayed. Martyn, in fact, is one of only three players who began Palace's final Premiership match — a 3-2 defeat at Newcastle — who will start at Wembley. Darren Pitcher and Ray Houghton are the others.

He attaches more significance to the occasion than when Palace last appeared at the national stadium, in 1990, when Manchester United beat them 1-0 in an FA Cup Final replay. "It's not very nice to lose an FA Cup Final but it's not the end of the world. You get over it," he said. "This is far more important. There is so much at stake and it means so much."

Martyn will play despite a nagging injury to his right elbow, for which he will receive corrective surgery later in the week. "I've had the problem for a while but it doesn't really bother me. Once the floating debris is cleared

out, it should be OK," he said. Bassett is more concerned about the fitness of David Hopkin, the midfield player, and Leif Eric Andersen, the central defender. Hopkin missed the semi-final wins against Charlton Athletic because of a groin strain, while Andersen has a shoulder problem. If Andersen misses out, Robert Quinn, 19, will step in for only his fourth Palace appearance.

Leicester are likely to retain the side that won the second leg of their semi-final 1-0 against Stoke City. Iwan Roberts, the Wales striker, has recovered from broken ribs, and should be among the substitutes.

CRYSTAL PALACE (from): N. Martyn, M. Edwards, K. Brown, A. Roberts, R. Quinn, C. Veart, D. Pitcher, R. Houghton, D. Freedman, G. Hiden, D. Tuttle, S. Rodgers, D. Bouall, B. Oyer, D. Hopkin, L. E. Andersen. LEICESTER CITY: K. Poole; S. Grayson, J. Whelan, S. Whelan, M. Whelan, M. Toot, S. Taylor, G. Parker, N. Lennon, E. Hesley, S. Christie. Substitutes (from): Z. Kalac, M. Roberts, C. Hill, I. Roberts, B. Carey.

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Warnock waves his play-off wand with familiar effect

Darlington 0
Plymouth Argyle 1

BY ALYSON RUDD

IN AN attempt to cling to some vestige of modesty Neil Warnock, the Plymouth Argyle manager, had denied his side were favourites to win Saturday's third division play-off final. He had not, after all, he said, ever been to Wembley on a Saturday before.

It was not too surprising, however, that although Plymouth faced Darlington on the same day as the lottery numbers were drawn and Stars in their Eyes was screened, Warnock's side won, bringing the number of play-off titles taken by Warnock to four in four attempts over six years. No wonder Warnock said Darlington should have won promotion automatically. If a team is in with a chance of promotion alongside a Warnock outfit, the play-offs are not an alternative.

The secret is "hard work" said the man who had already gained promotion with Notts County (twice) and Huddersfield Town. The real secret though is to prevent players, who probably never thought they would participate in a Wembley final, savouring the occasion. The play-off system gives the second best the very best prize; a trip to the Twin Towers with seven or eight times the number of supporters that normally follow the side and the accompanying receipts. Somehow Warnock makes sure his teams keep a grip on reality. They have been given a second chance and they

must not squander it.

Darlington, the smaller club, were just glad to be there at all and although they fielded the best player on the pitch in Appleby, the former Newcastle United defender, they could not wrest control of the match. Appleby, who confidently prompted all of Darlington's better attacks, should have scored in the 23rd minute but swivelled and shot just wide of the upright. Plymouth took heart after that, Darlington never had a better chance and Plymouth permitted us few glimpses of the stylish football Darlington played to reach fifth spot in the third division. It was only the north-east club's second away defeat of the season.

Realising that modesty was now a patently ridiculous affectation Warnock explained that he masterminded the winning goal. He told Leadbitter not to float in his next corner kick but to lay it off to Patterson who would chip the ball into the area. As Patterson did so Mauge leapt up to beat the otherwise impeccable Newell in the Darlington goal.

The hardest work of all will now be to keep Plymouth in the second division. Notts County's rapid rise and fall led to Warnock being sacked in 1993. Expectations can be raised but they cannot always be tempered. DARLINGTON (3-5-2): P. Newell — A. Crosby, M. Appleby, S. Grogan — P. Burnwell, S. Grogan (sub), M. Carmichael, (Barnet), G. Barnister, A. Cross, M. Barnard — R. Palmer, R. Blake. PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3-5-2): S. Cherry — C. Curran, M. Heston, R. Logan — M. Belfour, M. Patterson, R. Mauge, C. Leadbitter, P. Williams — M. Evans, A. Luffelph. Referee: W. Burns

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Overseas elite underline their technical supremacy

BY DAVID MADDOCK

IF FOOTBALL is coming home, then it is hardly a prodigious return. Judging by the Nike Premier Cup, a global youth tournament, the finals of which were held in Huddersfield at the weekend, that offspring sent out into the world more than a hundred years ago is a sophisticated unrecognisable to its parents.

Nike gathered together the cream of the world's under-14 sides for the finals and, borrowing from the theme of Euro 96, chose England as the venue to show the young players where their game had come from. It was an uplifting sight, imperious youth, strutting its stuff.

What the teams from the likes of Real Madrid, PSV Eindhoven, Borussia Dortmund, Espanol and Universidad de Chile displayed to the home nation was that they have taken our game and advanced it wonderfully. The technique of some of the youngsters was quite astonishing. Arsenal, Dundee United and Symonds Green, of Stevenage, provided the British interest and performed admirably. The Scottish side lost on penalties to the eventual finalists Dortmund, Arsenal finished a creditable fifth, and the boys' club side lost on penalties in the final of the plate competition.

There was, however, a sense that the British clubs are struggling far behind their rivals from around the world. The Germans start coaching their youngsters at the age of five, for instance, the Dutch from eight, and

they go into the schools to coach every day.

Klaas van Baalen, the youth coach at PSV, believes that the British are lagging behind on the international stage because their junior football does not match up.

"The problem is that it is all too rigid. In England at under-14 level already they play 4-4-2 and cannot develop beyond that," he said. "We train our youngsters maybe 16 hours a week, and they play in every position until they are 16. That way they can learn the very highest technique. That is the most important thing of all — we spend over one million pounds a year on our youth structure to give our youngsters that."

The Dutch were a positive dream, even though they did not reach the final. "At this age we are more interested in knowledge than winning. It is important that they play in the right way, even if it means losing against bigger sides," van Baalen added.

Contrast that to Arsenal, who looked like, well, Arsenal. There was technique, but not dazzlingly so, and certainly far more strength than flair. Is the gulf so surprising? While the continental sides invest in the future, in Britain it is all left to chance. Symonds Green, for instance, train together just once a week, for an hour. "We're lucky if we can get them all together at all," Richard Collins, their coach, explained. That from the best of nearly 100 English clubs who entered.



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Thompson offers answer to impossible question

Trying to judge who is greatest in the history of British sport is a nice idea, but in reality, futile. We can no more evaluate Fred Perry alongside Barry John, Steve Redgrave or Sebastian Coe than decide which is the finest view in Britain, comparing Loch Lomond with Land's End or Regency Bath.

Channel 4 has nevertheless made the attempt, even if the programmes have lacked contributors who were informed and experienced. The "vote" in the final programme tonight will be between Daley Thompson, Ian Botham and George Best, with Thompson the probable winner — but more on the immense merits and limitations of these three in a moment.

First, however, some will consider it odd that Channel 4's shortlist of 20 did not include Jack Hobbs, Gordon

Richards and Stanley Matthews, all of them knighted, and that the only woman was Mary Rand, rather than, say, Mary Peters or Lucinda Green. And was not Stirling Moss a more famous name than Jackie Stewart?

It is arguable whether Lester Piggott was more of a champion than Richards, though unquestionable that he avoided more taxation. Matthews may not have won the World Cup, as did Bobby Moore, a much-loved modern hero, but in the age before television, Matthews won a million hearts and was a worldwide trademark of the game. There were old ladies crying when his statue was unveiled in Hanley.

In making its assessment, the television panel has used five yardsticks: achievement, dominance, style, fortitude and impact. Those who have performed within the era of

television have been much assisted by the last of these and, of the five qualities, only the first is absolute. A judgment that is impossible anyway is implying arbitrary, subjective considerations that enter the arena of gymnastics judging and figure skating, or the dancing of Torville and Dean, who are among Channel 4's shortlisted 20. Superlative entertainers though they were, T and D would not have had the same impact, or image, without the small screen.

Included in the 20 was Jimmy White, a superlative flyweight boxer by the standard of any time. The producer presumably wished to have a contender from a popular British sport, yet if early-century legends are eligible, then surely consideration had to be given to C. B. Fry? If Botham and Thompson were breathtaking all-round-



Tonight Channel 4 declares The Greatest! David Miller, chief sports correspondent of The Times, looks at the difficulties of comparing the merits of Britain's outstanding champions

ers in their respective sports, Fry's range was astonishingly wide, embracing cricket, football, athletics and rugby.

He scored 30,866 first-class runs, including 94 centuries, averaging over 50; took 166 wickets (at an average of 29.3) and 240 catches. He played in 26 Tests (averaging 32 with the bat) and would have captained England more than

six times had he toured. He still shares the record of six consecutive centuries, in his greatest season, 1901, when he averaged 78. He captained Sussex for four years.

Fry also played football for England, and for Southampton in the FA Cup Final of 1902, and was thought likely to have played rugby for England but for injury. In

1893, he set the world long jump record of 7.17 metres. That he represented India at the League of Nations, declined the throne of Albania and ran a naval training ship, the *Mercury*, for many years are no more than footnotes.

Increasingly, television is being pushed by the ratings war to turn sport into show business and this Channel 4 has done, with guest judges like Rory Bremner. The dumbest decision, reflected on the screen, was to have Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, as a resident pundit: a preferable woman pundit would have been Rachael Flint, Virginia Leng, Anne Jones, Christine Truman or Fatima Whitbread: women who have done something.

If there is to be a Channel 4 "champion", then Thompson would be an acceptable

choice. He personified all five quality-categories, even if his sport has a relatively narrow, exclusive field. The most detached viewer could sense his greatness. He brought joy to countless followers, though I would have said to fewer than Overt and Coe, whose clash in the 1,500 metres final in Moscow in 1980 was watched by 23 million in Britain alone.

Botham and Best were mercurial, but each was sometimes less than the ultimate team player. Botham, for all his glory, was a singularly inadequate captain — yet now aspires to lead an England revival. Best's career was the definitive anti-climax.

Twenty-five years later, Best still fails to understand the anguish of the waiter who brought drinks to the hotel room where the footballer dined with yet another Miss World and an armful of gambling loot. "Where did it

all go wrong?" he asks. Where indeed?

Channel 4's shortlist (in alphabetical order) was George Best, Ian Botham, Bobby Charlton, Linford Christie, Sebastian Coe, Denis Compton, Kenny Dalglish, Nick Faldo, Len Hutton, Barry John, Bobby Moore, Steve Owen, Fred Perry, Lester Piggott, Mary Rand, Steve Redgrave, Jackie Stewart, Daley Thompson, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean and Jimmy White.

My top 20 would be Best, Botham, John Charles, Charlton, Compton, Coe, Dalglish, Faldo, C. B. Fry, Jack Hobbs, Hutton, John, Stanley Matthews, Stirling Moss, Overt, Perry, Mary Peters, Redgrave, Gordon Richards and Thompson.

□ The final show in the 12-part series, *The Greatest*, will be screened tonight at 8.30 on Channel 4.

Major's Rutlish successors bow out of Surrey Cup

BY TOM CHESHYRE

WHEN John Major was 13 he won an *Evening Standard* cricket award after taking seven wickets for nine runs — including a hat-trick — for Rutlish School, in the London borough of Merton. The Prime Minister-to-be was at Rutlish from 1955 to 59 and when he left aged 16 — with just two O levels — he even toyed with the idea of taking up the sport professionally.

More than 30 years on, cricket — despite its demise in many city comprehensives — is still going strong at Rutlish. "We've got some very good players and the kids love the game," David Daley, head of physical education, said as he prepared the under-15 team's kit before a Surrey Cup match against Howard of Eppingham School last Thursday. "Almost every break-time, I see kids playing, usually with a couple of bags as the wicket and a tennis ball."

Rutlish is fortunate to have excellent cricketing facilities on two grounds and the school recently received £1,000 from a nearby teacher training college to buy new equipment. There is a well-established structure of Saturday games against local schools as well as inter-house matches.

The school, however, plays down connections with Major, who is still a keen cricket follower, as his regular appearances at England matches testify. There are no plaques or photographs; the only outward sign of the fact

that the Prime Minister once attended is a cheeky bit of graffiti on the inside wall of the scoreboard hut which reads: "John Major was 'ere." Daley said: "All the kids know he went here, but since the initial excitement when he was made prime minister, nobody really makes a big deal about it anymore."

As the match between Rutlish and Howard of Eppingham got under way in

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bitterly cold conditions, the Prime Minister was far from the schoolboys' minds. A steady drizzle had almost caused the game to be abandoned. Had it been, the teams would have determined who went into the next round by each player bowling a ball at a single stump — a kind of penalty shoot-out.

Rutlish were missing several of their best players — who were away training to be ball boys for this year's Wimbledon championships — but batted well, scoring 111 for four

in their 20 overs. Raqib Sindhur, the captain, was the top scorer with a fluent 59 not out, although he was dropped three times. Aziz Hussein was also in good form, scoring an unbeaten 24 with the aid of more fielding errors. Howard of Eppingham evidently need catching practice.

In between innings, all the talk was of England's game that day against India in the first Texaco Trophy one-day international. The general excited opinion was that England's first innings total of 291 would be enough to win the match. Once play began again, however, it soon became clear that Rutlish's 111 was not going to be enough for them to win.

Jayesh Patel, the Rutlish vice-captain, bowled some fine balls in a spell of 4-2-11-1, not quite up to Major's prize-winning standards, but still very good. Howard of Eppingham saw him off however, and moved onto the attack.

Daniel Reeves, who scored 30, and Alex Terry, with 34, were quick to the pitch of the ball and played some confident shots. In the end, the visiting team passed Rutlish's score in the nineteenth over for the loss of four wickets.

Afterwards, before rushing off to watch the highlights of the England game on television, the players sat down to orange squash and biscuits; a cricketing tradition of which Major would be sure to approve.

Sindhur, who also took three wickets to go along with his unbeaten half-century, was disappointed. "At least we put up a good fight," he said. "I don't really think about John Major that much, but I suppose he would be proud that we gave our best."



Crews battle to establish an early advantage at the start of the boys junior eights, which was won by Westminster, at Holme Pierrepont

Eton hold off strong Hampton challenge

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ETON celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the National Schools Regatta by winning the championship eights for the twelfth time on Saturday. Hampton, their strongest challengers since the event was introduced in 1971, pushed them all the way at Holme Pierrepont.

Eton led from the start, Abingdon initially being closest to them, but by 750 metres, Hampton were the only crew overlapping. James Cazenove, Eton's stroke, pushed the rate to 37 at 1,250

metres and had just a length, but Hampton responded at 39½ and edged back. At the line, however, they were half a length down.

Bruce Grainger, the Eton coach, said: "I thought they were going to come through at 1600 metres but my chaps held it together. It was a great challenge."

Behind the top two, St Paul's, conquerors of Eton in the schools head, and Abingdon were having their own private battle for bronze. St Paul's prevailed and Tim Morland, their coach, said: "We needed to be rating a couple of pips higher to be in

there with the top two." Eton's second eight bumbled other school first eights by winning the Child Beale cup for the third year running. Bedford, the favourites, held pole position for the first

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1500 metres before the smoother Eton crew swept through in the last minute to win with clear water.

Chris Hugill, a veteran of three junior world championships in spite of being only 18, received an early taste of

international competition in the championship eights. The final six eights included two of Hugill's 1995 British quad scull crewmates, Tim Kingswell and Mark Hunter, but many eyes were on Peter Ujhelyi, a Hungarian undertaking a three-month course at Bedford Modern.

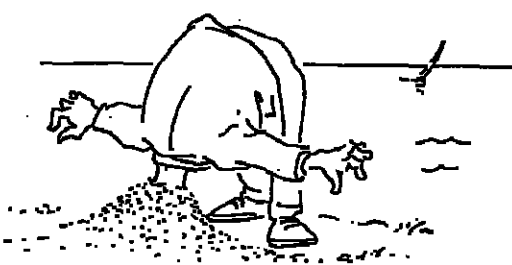
Ujhelyi, already selected as the Hungarian sculler for the 1996 junior world, led from the start and was one length up on Hugill at halfway. Hugill, nearly three strokes heavier, pushed and, at 1500 metres, went into the lead, although the scullers were still overlapping at the line.

Hugill's success won him a new sculling boat.

The new beat the old in the women's championship, Lucy Heise, the junior Great Britain hopeful, just pipping Vicki Fagan, 1995 Great Britain coxless four medal-winner.

The third eights event for the West Cup aroused special interest. Four schools competed for it in 1947, Radley beating St Edward's in the final. Fifty years on St Edward's, rowing in a boat borrowed from Radley, reversed the verdict and Chris Kaye, Radley crew captain in 1947, passed over the cup.

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Wales baffled by mysteries of Orient

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WALES found their preparations for next Sunday's opening World Cup qualifying game in San Marino disrupted in unexpected fashion yesterday. Despite starting with the side most likely to begin their campaign to qualify for the 1998 finals, Wales lost 2-1 to Leyton Orient of the Endisleigh Insurance League third division.

The fixture had been arranged to allow Bobby Gould, the manager, to find the right system and personnel to ensure a winning start against San Marino. But an Orient side comprised mainly of trialists proved far more impressive and were worth their victory provided by an 85th minute header from Peter Garland, on trial after being released by Charlton.

Lee Shearer, the defender, provided early encouragement for a crowd of 5,000 at Brisbane Road when he gave Orient a first half lead. However, Wales, who used all 20 players in their squad, eventually equalised when John Robinson, of Charlton, swept in an 80th minute cross from Marcus Browning.

However, their relief was shortlived. Five minutes later Paul Williams crossed from the right and Danny Coyne, the Tranmere goalkeeper, watched the ball drift across goal to Joe Baker who headed on for Garland to force home.

Gould rushed off to watch his son Jonathan play for Bradford in the second division play-off final at Wembley, but Neville Southall, the coach, said: "We've learnt a few things and on the whole it's been a good day."

"We're quite happy although it might not look that way, sometimes you learn more from a defeat than a victory. We've only trained for an hour and been together for a day and a few of the lads were a bit rusty."

"But there's no panicking at all. We will be far more organised next week. Orient were fired up but so would I be if I was playing against Ryan Giggs. We'd have liked to have scored six or seven but even if we'd lost 10-1 it would not have mattered. The important thing is that we win in San Marino next week and today gave us the chance to try a few systems and blood a few of the younger players."

Adolfo Madrid won their ninth Spanish league title in style on Saturday, beating Albacete 2-0 with goals from Diego Simeone and Kiko Narvaez. "It's the happiest day of my life," said Jesus Gil Y Gil, the controversial Adolfo president. The club also won the Spanish cup to complete their first double. Real Madrid failed to qualify for European competition for only the second time.

Lennon making the right choices

BY EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE LENNON, the national champion in the semi-professional Melges 24 fleet, demonstrated his mastery of the notoriously fickle winds on Loch Fyne this weekend to lead the Rover Series at Tarbert with two wins and a fourth in the first three races.

The Rover Series — Britain's second biggest regatta after Cowes — attracted a slightly lower turnout than last year, but 260 yachts in 13 classes made the trek to the Firth of Clyde, most taking part in overnight feeder races from Bangor and Gourock.

The Melges fleet, with their

own class at Tarbert for the first time and with 16 boats on the start line, put on another exciting display of one-design racing, though many of the skippers found the constant variation in strength and direction of the generally light winds exasperating.

Lennon, a sailmaker from Southend, was happy with another strong showing at the head of the fleet which saw him picking the best route up the course consistently better than anyone else. "It is all about pressure (wind) hunting out there," he said. "It is difficult, very shifty and with lots of boats to watch out for — it's a tricky business."

Saturday's long opening

race in a light north easterly coming off the hills, set the scene with wind shifts in the order of 30 degrees and with five different boats leading at various times. The competition was so tight that after four hours sailing, the first 12 boats crossed the line within two minutes of each other.

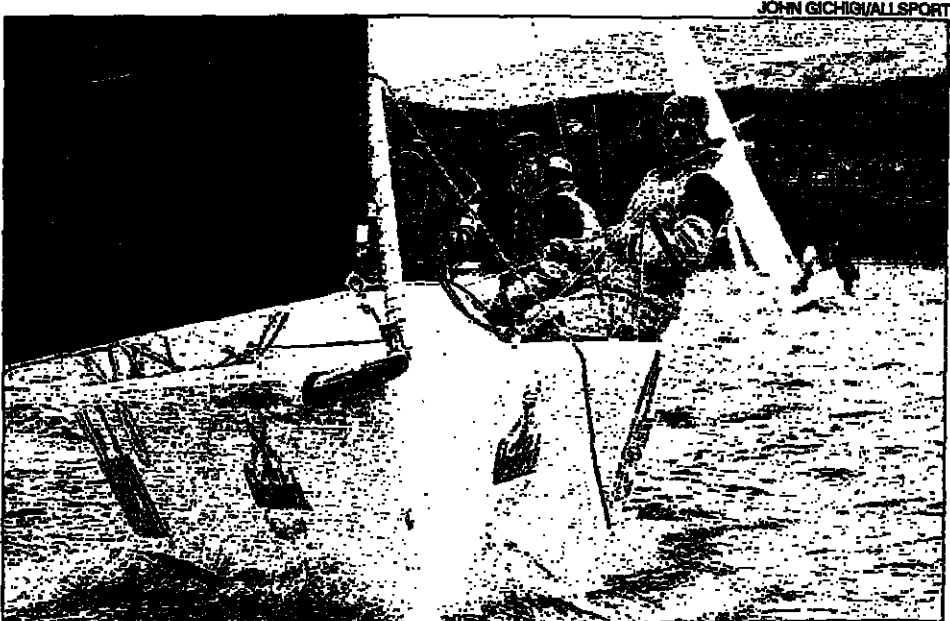
In the second race yesterday morning, the problems were less the shifts as much as big variations in wind strength up and down the course with a light breeze from the south. The London-based American Art Brereton on *Wicked Feet* managed to get ahead early on and held the lead until just before the finish, when he seemed to lose his way and let

two following boats cross the line in front of him. Roger Peacock on *Cools Cats*, the talented young newcomer to the Melges fleet, snatched first place with Kim Slater, the former top Fireball helm on *Pigs Eye*, second.

The third race saw huge variations in wind strength across the course with about a third of the fleet being left virtually at a standstill after choosing the righthand side at the start. By the halfway stage Lennon, on *Rawhide*, had taken the lead and was able to hold on with David Clark on *Snickers Workwear* second and Brereton again third.

Lennon leads the six-race series from Peacock, who had two thirds and a first, with Brereton in third place with two thirds and a fifth. The feeder races saw 45 boats set off from Bangor outside Belfast on Thursday night and 180 from Gourock. Many crews had a frustrating, and cold night in generally light winds but enjoyed thrilling reaching conditions as they roared up the eastern side of the Isle of Arran to the finish. Line honours in the Gourock race went to John Nesbit from Falmouth in his half-tonner *JHN*. In the Bangor race, the Farr 40 *Brava*, skippered by Paul Thallon, took line honours.

At the Spa Regatta in Holland, Andy Beadsworth, Britain's Olympic Soling representative, took third place behind Jochen Schumann of Germany and Magnus Holmberg of Sweden.



Glenfiddich 3, one of the 16 entries in the Melges 24 class, cuts through the water

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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BOXING

LEIPZIG: International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight championship (12 rounds) won by Mike Tyson (USA) vs. Buster Douglas (USA) by KO in the 10th round.

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Essendon	9	13	90	24
Geelong	8	14	82	32
Hawthorn	7	15	74	40
Melbourne	6	16	66	48
North Melbourne	5	17	58	56
Port Adelaide	4	18	50	64
Richmond	3	19	42	72
St Kilda	2	20	34	80
Western Bulldogs	1	21	26	88

Hooked — right from the first cast

Caroline Brannigan goes to Devon's Lifton Valley in search of the wily brown trout — and discovers the bond that unites all fly fishermen

The third time a 6lb trout cruised past the imitation fly bobbing on the surface of the glistening lake proved too much for the new fisherman. Stamping his rubber waders in frustration, he turned to the instructor for advice. "How about a nuclear bomb?" was the reply.

It seemed like a good idea on a fruitless afternoon which had reached the point where even an old boot would have been stuffed and mounted in a glass case. One thing they can't teach on a weekend beginners' trout-fishing course is patience and we showed the unyielding water what we thought by giving it a sound thrashing, rather like Basil Fawlty beating his broken-down Mini with a branch.

Ten of us, seven men and three women of various ages, had met that morning at the Arundell Arms Hotel in the Lifton Valley, Devon, where five rivers, including the Tamar, are home to wild brown trout, sea-trout and salmon.

First there was a talk by Anne Voss Bark, the owner of the hotel and wife of Conrad Voss Bark, the former angling correspondent of *The Times*. Her passion for the sport was infectious, despite a blood-curdling demonstration on how to get hooks out of hands.

The mistake most people make is in thinking that fishing is just about landing fish on the bank. It's also an escape back into childhood, a boy's own adventure, beginning with a chance to dress up.

The waistcoats with which we were provided contained plenty of toys in the many pockets, including fishing lines, sticky stuff to make things float, mucky stuff to make things sink, a pair of scissors and several boxes of flies.

This isn't your average blue-bottle, but delicately-tied imitations of some of our most beautiful insects which hatch in rivers and emerge for a brief dance of courtship before mating and dying, sometimes within a single day.



These are food for the trout and the fisherman must watch to see what is hatching and select an imitation fly on a hook to match. Fly-fishermen do not throw maggots on to ponds then snooze under vast umbrellas as they wait for their float to bob as a fish takes. They creep through rivers casting out a line, hoping for a bite.

Armed with the hotel's fishing rods, we went down to the three-acre lake where instructors Roy Buckingham and David Pilkington can teach pupils to cast without too much fear of snaring a local villager.

Casting a line so that it lands softly and straight on the water is vital for convincing the fish into thinking the fly at the end is a real one. A line which splashes and whips scares off the wily brown trout.

Roy and David, with a list of qualifications almost as long as their fishing rods, sent their lines out long and straight while we dropped ours like plates of spaghetti. Yet we got better, spurred on by the fear that if we didn't, Roy would stroll up and tell one of his appalling jokes.

Two of the women, including me, were not absolute beginners but had been sponsored by our fishing husbands and now wanted to be more independent. It was a revelation to me to find that a slight change in technique improved my casting dramatically. Was



Tales from the river bank — the mistake, says Caroline Brannigan, is to think that fishing is just about landing fish on the bank. It's also an escape back into childhood

this something the men had been keeping from us deliberately?

After lunch at the hotel, we suffered the embarrassment of watching a video of the morning's efforts, followed by a lesson in tying fishing knots which resembled a Women's Institute knitting meeting.

Back at the lake our previously harmless rods were armed for action with flies — a dangerous moment. David Pilkington recalled one pupil who developed a disastrous figure-eight casting tech-

nique which impaled the hook in the back of his waistcoat. Not noticing this, the man kept on waving the line wildly, slowly wrapping himself up until he could no longer move his arms. It had taken some time to free him.

Surely we couldn't be that bad. The sun shone, primroses dotted the grass with yellow, swallows dipped and dived into the lake and buzzards circled slowly overhead. As we forgot about the pressures of the outside world, it began to matter less and less that David

could put out a line and haul in a brown trout at will, while our offerings were ignored.

At least fish was on the menu in the hotel restaurant, with its three AA roses. It was also the main topic of conversation among those of us staying there with lots of strange gesticulating which bemused the non-fishers at other tables and put them in danger of receiving a black eye.

For Michael, a retired sales director, fishing was a revelation which had come better late than never. Andrew, a 38-year-old tax consultant, had at last decided to join in with his father's life-long hobby.

After a Sunday morning lecture on insect life from Mrs Voss Bark, came the best dressing up bit, which is the thigh-length rubber waders. Roy Buckingham's jokes became, if possible, even worse. Then it was down to the River Lyd for the real thing. "Bet I catch a bigger tree than you do," said Andrew. In fact, he managed to catch himself, impaling the fly in his waistcoat.

The tree cast speckled shadows over the shallow water making its way from Dartmoor to the sea and wild daffodils nodded on the bank.

Our instructors showed us where the fish were likely to lie and how to avoid catching our lines in the bushes.

As we spread out along the river, several small trout obligingly gave themselves up to us, which we returned as too

embarrassing to place on the hotel's hall platter. The sun shone over an idyllic picnic lunch and then the heavens opened in classic, steady Devon style. We must have been keen as we all returned to the hunt despite the rain.

The weekend finished with the discovery that the instructors were not, after all, immortal. Solomon, David's black Labrador, had sat its five stones on his fishing rod while it was propped against a tree and snapped it. A good excuse to treat himself to a new one, he said.

Everyone on the course said they would definitely fish again and went off damp but happy. We had all got on very well with each other and enjoyed the common bond which unites all fly fishermen.

As I drove home contentedly, it occurred to me that there had been no annoying prat in the group. After all, there's usually one. Then I had a nasty thought, maybe it was me!



Selecting a fly — the choice is vitally important

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT
In the Weekend section I recently gave a hand in which the declarer went wrong in not foreseeing that he would be squeezed on the run of dummy's long suit. The same thing happened to me in Demetri Marchessini's invitation tournament in March.

Dealer North	North-South game	Aggregate scoring
♠ 62 ♥ J 10 9 8 4 ♦ 4 ♣ 10 7 6 3 2	♠ K 10 9 8 4 ♥ K Q 3 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ Q 4	
♠ A 7 3 ♥ 5 ♦ K J 10 9 5 3 2 ♣ 9 5	♠ Q J 5 ♥ A 8 7 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A K J 8	

W	N	E	S
Davies	Shannon	Townsend	Sheehan
Pass	Pass	2♦ (7)	Pass
All Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: king of diamonds

(1) Showing a hand in the 3-10 range with at least nine cards in the majors.

Danny Davies, who along with Tom Townsend was in the British team that won the World Junior Championship last year, made the intelligent lead of the king of diamonds. When you have a suit like that, and think the best chance is to set it up immediately, leading the king gains if any of the other three hands has the singleton queen.

With some woolly idea of cutting the communication if the suit was 7-2, I ducked the opening lead. West continued diamonds, and now after aceing of clubs, I realised my error — on the fifth round of clubs I would have no good discard, as I would either have to unguard the spades or let a small heart go.

I made the best of a bad job at that point by laying down the ace of hearts, hoping West had a singleton honour, but to no avail.

If I had taken the first diamond I could have discarded a small diamond on the fifth club, and then led the jack of hearts, setting up my ninth trick.

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Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

CARIBBEAN WORDS

BAZODI

- a. A goody
- b. Stunned
- c. A pink yam

OB SOCKY

- a. Badly dressed
- b. Drunk
- c. A schoolboy

KELLYCK

- a. To gossip
- b. A knock-out punch
- c. A stone anchor

QUEH-QUEH

- a. A parrot
- b. A salt marsh
- c. A wedding party

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KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Anand leads

After three rounds of the top tournament at Seville in Spain the Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand has moved into the sole lead with 2½ points out of three. Six rounds remain to be played.

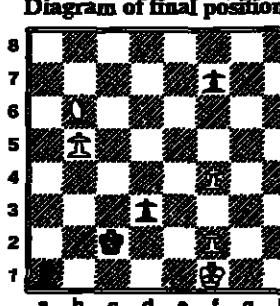
World champion Garry Kasparov has also scored his first win, overwhelming Alexei Shirov, formerly Latvia and now Spain.

White: Miguel Illescas
Black: Viswanathan Anand
Seville, May 1996

English Opening	
1 Nf3	Nf6
2 c4	c5
3 g3	Nc6
4 Bg2	g6
5 O-O	Qg7
6 Nc3	O-O
7 a3	d5
8 Bb1	Nbd5
9 cxd5	e6
10 Ng5	e8
11 Ng4	h6
12 d3	Bb7
13 Bc2	exd5
14 Nbd5	d4
15 Ne3	Rf8
16 Nd5	Nxb4
17 b4	cxb4
18 Nxb4	Bg2
19 exb4	Re8
20 Kf2	Rc8
21 Kg1	Rc8
22 Ra1	Rc6
23 Qa4	Rc6
24 Qa7	Ra2
25 Rb2	Ra2
26 B4	Qd5
27 Ra1	Qb5
28 Qa8+	Re8
29 Qa3	Bf8
30 h4	g5
31 Ng5	Ng5
32 Bc2	Re2
33 Be1	Qf5
34 Qe6	Qxc3
35 Qf8	Qf5
36 Qg5+	Bg7
37 Qd8+	Kf7
38 Qh4+	Kf6

39	Qh4	Qd4
40	g4	d3
41	Rd1	Kf5
42	Kf1	Kg4
43	h5	Bg4
44	Rd1	Re2
45	Rd1	Re1
46	Ra1	Ba1
47	Bc2	Kd4
48	Bd3+	Kc3
49	Bxb6	Kc2

White resigns



Third round results

Kasparov beat Shirov; Illescas lost to Anand; Ivanchuk drew with Kramnik; Kramnik drew with Gelfand; Polgar lost to Topalov.

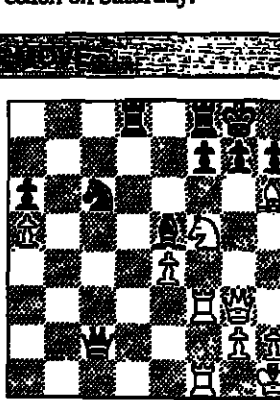
Fourth round results

In round four the Indian Grandmaster Anand, who last year challenged for the world championship, retained his lead, defeating the Ukrainian Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk in 46 moves.

Other round four results: Shirov drew with Topalov; Kramnik drew with Kramnik; Kasparov drew with Illescas while Gelfand beat Polgar.

Leading scores: Anand 3½, Gelfand 3, Kasparov and Topalov 2½ each.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



By Raymond Keene

This week and in weeks to come I will be concentrating on positions by Anatoly Karpov, the defending FIDE champion and his challenger Gata Kramnik. Their match for the FIDE World Championship is due to start on June 6. White to play. This position is a variation from the game Karpov-Polugavsky, Moscow 1974. White has a very promising kingside initiative. Can you see how he now broke through in drastic fashion?

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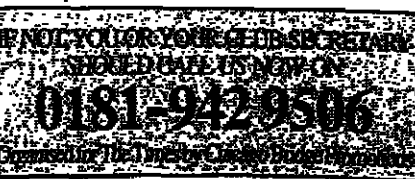
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New landlord must heed notice

Kay-Green and Others v Twissstra Ltd
Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John May

Judgment May 15
Where a landlord disposed of his reversionary interest in premises without complying with his duty to give qualifying tenants the right of first refusal, the new landlord was required to give effect to a valid purchase notice served by the tenants pursuant to section 12 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987.

The question of whether there had been a relevant disposal of premises to which the 1987 Act applied had to be considered on a building by building basis. The fact that a building was within one or more registered titles was irrelevant.

The Court of Appeal held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr John Kay-Green and 17 other tenants of Tudor Court and Tudor House, Hamworth, Hull, QC, at Staines County Court on August 23, 1994 of their application for a declaration that Twissstra Ltd, the landlords, were in default in not complying with a notice served pursuant to section 12 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 and therefore the tenants were entitled to require the landlords to transfer the reversionary interest in the property to them.

The freeholds of the properties where the tenants lived were registered at the Land Registry together with an adjoining property, Parr Court, under two titles. The properties were all sold at auction as one lot.

Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr Edward Denehan for the tenants; Mr Kim Lewison, QC and Mr Simon Briffant for the landlords.

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that the 1987 Act, as stated in the title, was passed, inter alia, "to confer on tenants of flats rights with respect to the acquisition by them of their landlord's reversion".

In outline, Part I of the Act gave to certain tenants the right of first refusal to acquire the landlord's reversion. Section 1 stated that a landlord should not make a relevant disposal of premises to which Part I of the Act applied without serving a notice in accordance with section 5 on qualifying tenants, thereby giving the tenants first refusal.

Sections 11 to 17 came into effect when the original landlord had, in breach of his obligations, disposed of his reversion to a new landlord. Section 12 gave the requisite majority of qualifying tenants the right to serve a purchase notice on the new landlord requiring him to dispose of the estate or interest that was the subject of the original disposal on

terms on which it was made to a person or persons nominated by them for that purpose.

The first question for decision was: did a landlord, upon whom a valid purchase notice had been served, have to give effect to it?

The landlords submitted that the Act did not contain any requirement that a landlord who was served with a section 12 purchase notice need comply with it. All that the section did was to provide for service of a notice in a particular form.

They submitted that the Act did impose duties, as could be seen, for example, in sections 1, 5, and 11. In contrast section 12 contained no such duty upon a landlord to comply with the notice when served.

The landlords submitted that the courts should not construe a duty which was not there. If there was a lacuna, as they submitted there was, it should be remedied by Parliament and not by the court.

The tenants submitted that a landlord who was served with a purchase notice had to give effect to it. Although there was no section of the Act which so stated, the requirement was found expressly or implicitly in the Act.

His Lordship believed the tenants were right. The 1987 Act was an Act "to confer on tenants of flats rights with respect to the acquisition by them of their landlord's reversion". To give effect to that it was necessary that a landlord should, when served with a purchase notice, comply with it and to decide to the contrary would be failing to comply with the stated intention of the legislature.

In any case, his Lordship believed that the words of section 12 were such as to require a landlord to give effect to the notice. Section 12(1) enabled qualifying tenants to serve a purchase notice on the new landlord, "requiring him ... to dispose of the estate or interest that was the subject-matter of the original disposal", and subsection (4) referred to "where the property which the new landlord is required to dispose of in pursuance of the purchase notice ...".

Thus the section assumed that the purchase notice operated so as to require disposal and provided a duty as to the way the property had to be disposed. Further, to accept the landlords' submission would mean that sections 12 to 17 had no purpose as a landlord could refuse to comply with a purchase notice which had been served. That was unreal.

His Lordship had not found it necessary, when concluding that there was a duty upon a landlord to give effect to a purchase notice, to rely upon the heading of section 12 which made it clear that such a duty existed. Even so, his Lordship believed it clear that the section was concerned with the right of

tenants to compel a sale by a new landlord.

The second issue was whether the purchase notice had been served by the requisite majority of qualifying tenants.

The landlords submitted that the word "premises" in section 1 meant, in the present case, the complex as a whole, meaning Tudor Court, Tudor House and the adjoining property, Parr Court. If so, the tenants did not have the requisite majority defined in section 5(a).

They also submitted that "premises" to which Part I applied had to be comprised within one registered title. There were two estates in land capable of subsisting or of being conveyed, namely an estate in fee simple absolute in possession or a term of years absolute and, by virtue of section 1 of the Land Registration Act 1925 each separate registered title was a separate estate in land. Therefore the "premises" could not comprise more than one estate. Thus, the premises must be encompassed within one land registration title.

His Lordship could not accept that title was relevant. The word "premises" did not have a special meaning. It was a word which over

the years had been applied to houses, land, shops, and the like with the result that it had come to mean real property of some kind.

Thus the Act stated that a landlord should not make a relevant disposal affecting any real property without serving a section 5 notice. If it consisted of the whole or part of a building and it contained two or more flats held by qualifying tenants and the number of those flats exceeded 50 per cent of the total, the fact that the building was included within one or more titles was irrelevant.

It followed that the question of whether a relevant disposal of premises had been made had to be considered on a building by building basis. Thus when ascertaining whether the tenants were a requisite majority, it was not appropriate to take into account Parr Court. Each building had to be considered separately.

Accordingly, the section 12 notice served by the tenants was valid and the declaration sought by them would be granted.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON and **SIR JOHN MAY** delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: J. E. Kennedy & Co, Harrow; Wallace & Partners.

Soden and Another v British and Commonwealth Holdings plc (in administration) and Another
Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

Judgment May 15
A claim by a purchaser of shares in a company for damages in respect of negligent misrepresentation by the company inducing him to purchase shares was not a claim by a member in his character as such within the meaning of section 74(2)(f) of the Insolvency Act 1986. A sum due as damages for misrepresentation could not be said to be due by way of dividends, profits, or otherwise in the terms of the section.

The section could apply to a claim for unliquidated damages.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs John Francis Soden and Peter Sheldon Padmore, the administrators of Atlantic Computers plc, from a decision of Mr Justice Robert Walker ([1995] 1 BCLC 688) in proceedings arising from claims against Atlantic Computers by British and Commonwealth Holdings plc, the first defendants, and Barclays de Zoete Wedd Ltd, the

second defendants, for damages for negligence and misrepresentation. The second defendant was not involved in the appeal.

Section 74 of the 1986 Act provides:
"(1) When a company is wound up, every present and past member is liable to contribute to its assets by any amount sufficient for payment of its debts and liabilities, and the expenses of the winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves."
"(2) This is subject as follows—
... (f) a sum due to any member of the company (in his character as a member) by way of dividends, profits or otherwise is not deemed to be a debt of the company, payable to that member in a case of competition between himself and any other creditor not a member of the company, but any such sum may be taken into account for the purpose of the final adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves."

Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Dan Prentice for the appellants; Mr William Stubbs, QC and Miss Catherine Roberts for B & C.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON, giving the judgment of the court, said that in 1988 British and Commonwealth Holdings plc had taken over Atlantic Computers plc as assets of over £400 million.

B & C said it was induced to do so by false and misleading representations from Atlantic's directors as to its value when in reality it was worthless or worth far less than £400 million. Both companies had subsequently collapsed.

In 1994 B & C, acting by its administrators, had sued Atlantic for damages for negligent misrepresentation. Unusually, that action included a claim by a parent company against a wholly owned subsidiary in connection with loss suffered because of a diminution in value of its holding in the subsidiary. B & C also sued Barclays de Zoete Wedd, which had advised it on the acquisition of Atlantic, for damages for breach of duty.

Mr Soden and Mr Padmore, partners in Price Waterhouse, were administrators of Atlantic. The administrators included a scheme of arrangement under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985. The scheme provided that after the payment of preferential liabilities, the scheme assets should be distributed pari passu to meet the claims of the holders of what were called "scheme liabilities".

In the present proceedings, before Mr Justice Robert Walker, Atlantic's administrators sought to determine, inter alia, whether and to what extent B & C's claim against Atlantic in the main action, if upheld on trial and on appeal, would succeed in ranking B & C's position from that of a holder of worthless shares into that of a creditor ranking with ordinary unsecured creditors of Atlantic.

The judge had decided that any damages or costs which B & C might be awarded in its action against Atlantic would not be sums owing to B & C in its character as a member within the meaning of section 74(2)(f). He gave a negative answer to a similar question about B & C's position.

In the judge's view the proper principle was "members come last" in other words that "a general subordination of the rights of members to those of creditors is part of the price that Parliament exacts for the conferment of the privilege of incorporation, particularly with limited liability."

But he had added that it would be absurd to discriminate against a creditor of a company simply because he happened to be a member of the company, if his claim as a creditor had no close connection with his membership.

His Lordship considered the history and construction of section 74(2)(f). In his judgment the court was not bound by dicta of Lord Justice Cotton and Lord Justice Lopes in *Re Adelsons Ltd* (1887) 37 Ch 191 on section 38(7) of the Companies Act 1862, a precursor of section 74(2)(f). Those dicta in support of the view that a claim for damages for misrepresentation was a claim for sums due to members in their character as such by way of dividends, profits or otherwise, were obiter.

Webb Distributors (Aust) Pty Ltd v State of Victoria ([1993] 11 ACSR 731) was of high persuasive authority for the proposition that damages for misrepresentation by a company as to the nature of its shares, which induced a contract to subscribe for shares in the company, came within section 74(2)(f).

However, the court had concluded that neither case gave proper weight to the statutory language. Their Lordships accepted that the underlying rationale of section 74(2)(f) was the principle of the maintenance of capital or the principle that members came last, but while their Lordships were wholly in sympathy with those principles, the legislature had chosen not to give universal application to them.

The legislature had imposed limiting conditions by requiring the sum due to the member to be so due in his character of a member by way of dividends, profits or otherwise.

In their Lordships' judgment, when a member claimed damages for misrepresentation inducing him to purchase shares in the market, the damages were not due to him in his character of a member.

Their Lordships repeated the words of the Australian High Court in *Webb Distributors* that the statutory provision "will not prevent claims by members for damages flowing from a breach of contract separate from the contract to subscribe for the shares". By parity of reasoning, a claim for damages in tort for misrepresentation inducing a contract other than one to subscribe for the shares would also not be prevented by the section.

But whether that was right or wrong their Lordships could not see how a sum due as damages for misrepresentation could be said to be due by way of dividends, profits or otherwise. There was no genus covering dividends and profits to which the damages could belong, nor were they analogous to dividends and profits.

That was sufficient to dispose of the appeal, but their Lordships also considered whether a claim for unliquidated damages could fall within section 74(2)(f). In their judgment the reference to a "sum due" in that section included a liability for unliquidated damages in tort.

The appellant was granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.
Solicitors: Cameron Markby Hewitt; Stephenson Harwood.

Approving appeals without parties

Hadfield v Knowles and Another
Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Aldous

Judgment May 16
Where the Court of Appeal was prepared to allow an appeal by consent of parties who were sui juris it would usually make that order on paper without a hearing.

Where its approval was required of (a) consent orders where one party was an infant or a patient in a case not covered by Order 59, rule 23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and of (b) structured settlements negotiated in cases under appeal, the appropriate order would be made in open court without the parties being represented.

The Court of Appeal so stated: (i) setting out the procedure to be adopted in such cases and (ii) giving its approval to a structured settlement, agreed while the matter was under appeal, between the advisers of the plaintiff, Clinton Hadfield, and the second defendant, the Motor Insurers Bureau.

The plaintiff was a patient, whose affairs were supervised by the Court of Protection, as a result on head injuries he had sustained in an accident involving the first defendant. His legal advisers recommended acceptance of the settlement, the Court of Protection

granted sealed authorisation to sign the agreement and leading counsel for the plaintiff recommended that the Court of Appeal be asked to give its approval.

Neither party was present nor represented.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the types of cases concerned were:

1 Consent orders relating to appeals and applications where one of the parties was an infant or a patient;
2 Structured settlements which were agreed on at the Court of Appeal stage; and
3 Cases where the Court of Appeal was prepared to allow an appeal by consent.

The past practice had been that structured settlements were made before the full court with all parties represented. That had the effect of running up further costs. The court was anxious to do all it could to keep costs down.

For a long time, requests for dismissals of appeals or applications by consent where the relevant parties were sui juris had been dealt with on paper without a hearing.

Order 59, rule 23 made provision for a dismissal by consent to be signed on behalf of a patient in certain circumstances. But it did not cover all cases involving patients and did not apply where the

patient was the respondent, nor to structured settlements.

More recently, the court had extended the practice of making orders on paper without a hearing to cases where it was prepared to allow an appeal by consent. A similar approach was to be adopted in the case of approval by the Court of Appeal of consent orders where one party was an infant or a patient and of structured settlements.

In future the following procedure would be adopted:
1 Where parties who were sui juris were asking for an appeal to be allowed by consent, a copy of the proposed consent order stating that the parties were sui juris and signed by the parties' solicitors was to be sent to the Registrar of Civil Appeals.

The court would then consider whether it was appropriate to allow the appeal by consent. If so, it would generally make the order on paper.

2 Where a consent order needed approval because one of the parties was an infant a copy of the proposed order signed by the parties' solicitors was to be sent to the registrar together with an opinion from an advocate acting on behalf of the infant.

If on consideration of the documents the court considered that the consent order should be approved

the matter would be listed, but without any party being represented, and the order would be made in open court.

3 Where the party was a patient and the case was not covered by Order 59, rule 23, the same procedure would be adopted, but the documents lodged were also to include any relevant reports prepared for the Court of Protection and a document evidencing formal approval by that court where required.

4 The same procedure was to be followed in the case of a structured settlement negotiated in a case under appeal. The documents were to include those which would be required in the case of a structured settlement dealt with at first instance.

If in any of those categories of case the court required further documents before deciding whether to approve the order or settlement, the registrar or a member of his staff would notify the solicitors of what was required.

In future the court would only list any such case for mention at a hearing to be attended by the parties' advocates if it considered that there were problems about a proposed order or settlement which could not be satisfactorily resolved in any other way, or that for some other special reason such a hearing was necessary or desirable.

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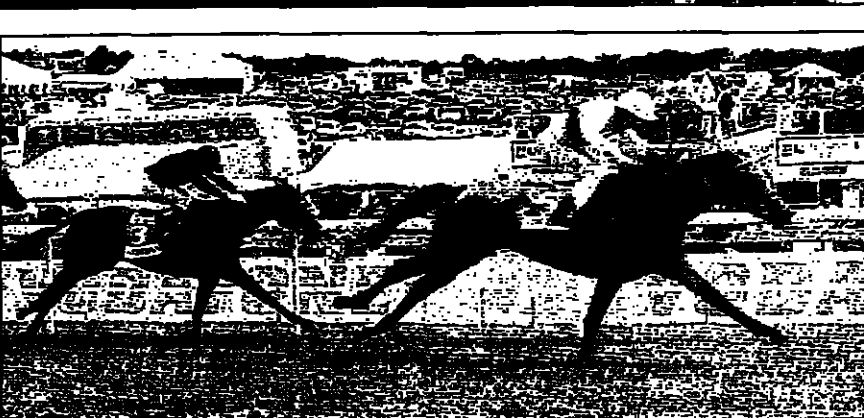
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Would a Labour government raise taxes on business? No one is saying no, and that usually means yes. Kenneth Inglis, head of Fleming Investment Management, fears that business is vulnerable because Labour would be under pressure to eschew extra personal taxes. At a conference organised by Alexander Clay, the pension consultant, last week, he noted that corporation tax takes less than 6 per cent of national income here, against 7 per cent in America, 9 per cent in Germany and nearly 15 per cent in France. Labour might be tempted to raise the UK tax by a third to net £12 billion more to spend.

Weak politicians usually opt for hidden taxes to fool people into thinking they are not spending too much. But if Labour merely sought to redistribute business taxes to ease distortions and give better incentives, higher rates of corporation tax might not be such a bad idea.

Few tax reforms of recent years have been healthier than Lord Lawson's corporation tax shake-up, which traded tax breaks for a much lower rate, boosted revenue, cut abuse and lessened distortions. But the worst distortion remains. We continue to tax business costs more than business profits, via rates and employers' national insurance contributions — the jobs tax.

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where its effects damage the economy most. They are at the centre of a depressing syndrome.

The tax burden is high because big business is shedding too many jobs. After years of recovery, unemployment remains high and badly skewed. More armies of older men have involuntarily left the workforce. Big business sheds more full-time jobs than commercial pressures justify; jobs tax makes them more expensive, and corporation tax subsidises redundancy and replaces labour by other factors.

Accounting conventions still flatter cost-saving redundancy unduly. The low rate of corporation tax, lazy managers and risk-averse City investors divert expansion into take-overs of businesses with their own workforces. So labour productivity gains are not matched by expansion to absorb the extra capacity they have created. The economy can only grow slowly without overheating. So taxes stay high.

Much has been made in the past fortnight of the apparent overnight conversion of Morgan Stanley's Stephen Roach, the economist billed as the apostle of the restructuring and downsizing of American big

business. Mr Roach has caught the mood of America, where AT&T's announcement of 40,000 job losses in January focused white-collar anger over macho management and Wall Street greed and featured heavily in Republican primaries.

"I must confess I am having second thoughts," he wrote. "Open-ended downsizing and real wage compression are ultimately recipes for industrial extinction." Fleet Street suffered too long from artificial over-earning and no profits. So even *The Guardian* duly chided Mr Roach for going soft-headed. How could he deny the ideal of low-cost competitiveness, wage deflation and

the rapid creation of new jobs that the restructuring of American industry permitted? But restructuring is not the same as the constant need to curb costs and boost efficiency.

Mr Roach has not gone soft-headed. Nor has he undergone a blinding conversion. More than three years ago, as America's downsizing craze neared its zenith, he expressed the same argument in almost identical terms. "Productivity gains cannot be sustained just by adhering to the slash-and-burn strategies of intensified cost-cutting," he insisted. "Such an outcome would lead to the hollowing of corporate America at precisely the time when rebuilding is essential."

At that time, however, he was optimistic. The restructuring of industry to make it competitive and profitable laid the foundation to transform and reinvigorate it. But that must be followed through with bold investment in expansion and new technology together with the "long-overdue upgrading of the quality of human capital" — another cry familiar in Britain.

The tone is different now because Mr Roach has lost patience and is losing hope. Companies can have no

future unless they survive recession and competition. But a permanent survival culture sacrifices the future. Investment remains historically low and investment intentions are poor. There are lots of new jobs, many good ones, but as unemployment falls, Mr Roach fears, workers will rebel against a decade of static real pay and industry has not lined up productivity gains from expansion to pay more without inflation.

Britain is so obsessed with America's example that downsizing is forced officially on the utility sector, the biggest in the land. Too much of domestic big business is paying out surplus funds rather than expanding from its leaner, fitter base. Politicians of left and right say we will not be able to afford existing public services even if unemployment shrinks to America's rate.

Our money authorities reckon Britain's economy can sustain only 2 per cent growth without overheating, against the 2½ per cent the Federal Reserve is prepared to finance in America and the 3 per cent that Mr Roach reckons US industry should be able to deliver.

Business taxes can at least give better economic incentives. Why not shift some of the burden from tax on labour to tax on profit, at no cost to investors? Why not tax takeovers instead of subsidising downsizing, buybacks and special dividends? All taxes distort. To restore our finances to health, they need to nudge big business to use its lean muscle and raise the sustainable rate of growth.

Ian Brodie meets members of Workaholics Anonymous

When the job is too much

You know the type. His car is already in the car park when you arrive for work and is still there when you leave. In addition to staying late, he takes work home. He eats lunch at his desk. He is frequently snappish and has no time to chat. He pays scant attention to any life beyond his job. Is he a dedicated, ideal employee? Or is he unwell?

There is a growing belief among psychiatrists and other behavioural specialists in the United States that people who cannot control their obsession with work are, in fact, in need of help before work makes them physically ill.

Self-help groups have sprung up. They are fashioned on the same 12-step principles for tackling an addiction as Alcoholics Anonymous. There are 80 chapters of Workaholics Anonymous in America and a half a dozen in other parts of the world, including London.

Participants learn that long hours do not make for greater productivity. Indeed, quality and output suffer. They are also taught to distinguish between the occasional push to finish a rush job and an unrelenting state of trying to be constantly productive without a break.

"You really don't know the harm you're doing to your body," said Stephen Hersh, a professor of psychiatry and founder of a behavioural



Burnout, an obsession with work for which treatment is similar to that for alcoholism

medicine clinic in Washington. "Your muscles are strained, your whole physiology is in a high state of alert, and, over time, without a break, that makes people ill. It's like driving with the choke out all the time. You burn out the engine."

The human body can tolerate immense amounts of stress for a while, but not for ever.

After eight to ten years, said Dr Hersh, workaholics begin loading the dice in the direction of genetic illnesses and of suppressing their immune systems, significantly increasing their chances of severe arthritis, chronic fatigue and cancer. The first signs could be lower back pain or migraines.

Art C, a law professor in San Diego, realised his job could be killing him when it dawned on him that professional success had brought him no sense of serenity and comfort. His wife had joined Alcoholics Anonymous, and, in helping her, he perceived that if he substituted work for alcohol, he had the same problem with addiction as she did.

Six years ago he formed a chapter of Workaholics Anonymous and has helped to start others. Anonymity is important in their case because workaholics typically boast about overwork and need to cloak their grandiosity.

Art C said workaholism relates at its most obvious level to type A personalities, maybe with high blood pressure and

the potential for strokes. At a deeper psychological level, it makes a person rigid, defensive and unwilling to open up for close associations, even with spouses and children. At the deepest level, it numbs the soul by using work for the constant avoidance of asking who one really is inside.

The structure of modern society does not help. American wage-earners log the equivalent of an extra month of time at work each year compared with 20 years ago, according to a Harvard study.

Research among two-career families has found that working mothers routinely juggle as many as seven things at once, from a deadline to lining up a baby-sitter. There is a tendency to cram schedules that are already too crowded with more overtime, health-club workouts that are joylessly rushed, school meetings and driving of children to after-school activities.

John, 35, has been in Workaholics Anonymous for 15

months, but considers himself far from healed. He has launched a small business offering yoga and meditation after a pell-mell, scatter-shot career as a reporter, lawyer, legislative aide and magazine publisher. He still worries about being married to his job. "I've allowed work to dominate my life and lost the capacity for intimate relationships. I struggle every day with the compulsion to do more things than I can accomplish."

Another American, Thomas, 42, grew up like many workaholics in a family that discouraged introspection and pointed instead to hard work as the path to love and respect. He set out determined to make something of himself, but with no time for a family and with work as a distraction, he never stopped to ask himself who he was. He suffered excruciating back pain and was always exhausted. A year ago, he was working flat out for two non-profit groups when they both laid him off. Since then, he has lived off his savings and discovered leisure.

Julia works in PR and has attended the London chapter of Workaholics Anonymous for three years. She recalled the specific crisis of overwork that drove her to seek help. One day she worked from nine in the morning until midnight, went home for three hours sleep, started work again at five in the morning at home, returned to the office at eight and continued until six that evening.

She said: "It's not just how long you work, but how much worrying you do. You lay awake at night, always thinking about the next day's work."

Now she has her job down to manageable hours and the quality of her work has improved. She is less grouchy and no longer ignores what her husband has to say. If work invades her thoughts at night, she gets up and reads a book and then goes back to bed to start afresh. Or she concentrates on the flowers in her garden. She still has difficulty doing nothing. "If I have space to fill, I tend to invite people over for dinner three nights a week, or I do voluntary work."

She reckons American doctors are well ahead of their British counterparts in recognising that workaholism can be as fatal as drugs or drink. "We British still keep a stiff upper lip rather than admit we have a problem," she said.

Workaholics Anonymous can be contacted through the London number for Alcoholics Anonymous, 0171-352 3001

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hammer blow for thrower

BRITISH ENERGY claims to have captured the longest UK hammer throw on record while filming for its latest advertising campaign in the run-up to its privatisation. David Smith, ranked number one hammer thrower in the UK, was among a team of athletes at Sheffield's Don Valley Stadium casting for the TV advert, when he threw a giant 71.54 metres. Unfortunately for David and British Energy, the throw wasn't made under competition conditions, and has since been declared unofficial.

Unsporting idea

DAVID MONTGOMERY, chief executive of the Mirror Group, has upset staff by calling a strategy conference in Chesham for the second weekend in June. Pity the likes of managing director Charlie Wilson, and Kelvin MacKenzie, managing director of Mirror Television, who will be forced to forgo the pleasures of the first Euro 96 football game, when England kick off against Switzerland on the Saturday, as well as the annual delights of the Derby.

Buttoned up

MADONNA is pushing up the profits of a button maker in North Yorkshire. Duttons For Buttons, the haberdashery, has been picked to produce the fasteners that will hold Madonna's clothes together in her latest film, *Evita*. The firm, which boasts 10,000 different buttons, has sent 500 samples for 32 costumes. Dorella White, Duttons' owner, kept her lips buttoned on the value of the order, but confirmed that it was one of the company's biggest.

Job screening

CITIBANK has splashed out about £5,000 on a video conferencing facility in an attempt to recruit the brightest students from the London School of Economics. Every year, Citibank puts 30 LSE students through their paces, incurring heavy costs to fly the shortlisted candidates out to America. To save time and money, the bank has paid for the installation of a computerised video link that will allow this year's students to partake in a face-to-face "virtual" job interview, without crossing the Atlantic.

SOMEONE PLEASE send the management team at Gatwick Airport a dictionary. However commendable it may be that BAA staff at Gatwick reply individually to about 600 customer comment cards on average each month, someone really ought to check that their outgoing letters don't include bloomers such as "I am sorry to hear that you suffered some inconvenience whilst travelling... the information screens were out of sink".

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RADIO CHOICE

Space oddity set to music

The Music Machine. Radio 3. 5.00pm.

It is a bit odd when you think about it: a piece of late 19th-century music becoming synonymous with a space exploration film released the year before man set foot on the Moon. Sex Nelson, the presenter, makes this good point in the first of five features about music and science fiction. She is talking, of course, about Richard Strauss's *Also sprach Zarathustra* and Kubrick's 2001 — *A Space Odyssey*. Just as odd is that 2001 also used music by another Strauss, Johann, who died 30 years before *Zarathustra*. Nelson touches on a 19th-century chart-topper called *Telstar*, recorded in a north London flat. Rumour has it that one sound effect was created by damping a microphone down a flushing toilet.

Brussels Goes Bananas. Radio 4. 11.30am.

I am not sure how this modestly diverting half-hour would go down during a strong week on radio. On a relaxed Bank Holiday Monday, it just about earns its keep. Two improvisatory Belgian actors, Tom Lenaerts and Michel de Vleiger, play EU market researchers on a vox pop trip to London. You know the kind of thing: wouldn't you prefer a straight banana? Or drive on the right side of the road? They fail to motivate a single Brit-in-the-street to become a real European. This is not surprising as the basis for their reasoning that Britain must stay in the EU is that it is always good for a family to have a slightly retarded child.

Peter Davalile

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Charlie Jordan 8.00 Dave Pearce 11.30am Radio 1 Roadshow Live from Olympia Park in Merton Tyrell 12.30 Nicky Campbell, Ind 12.30 Newsbeat 3.30 Mark Goodier, Ind 5.30 Newsbeat 7.00 in Concert: Eternal 8.00 Easy Night 12.00 Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00 Martin Kellner 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debbie Thorne 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.00 Helen Sharman 7.00 Art 'n' Easy The Radio 2 Lecture 7.30 Malcolm Lockwood 8.00 Gene Kelly — Dancin' in the Rain 10.00 Unsung Heroes (56) 10.30 The James Gang 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alan Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 6.55, 7.55 rising preview 8.35 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mel, Ind 12.45 Sports Report 1.05 Sport on Five: Football: The Division One Play-Off Final; Tennis: the opening day of the French Open from the Roland Garros Stadium in Paris; Golf: the final day of the PGA from Wentworth 5.30 Nationwide 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra Ind at 7.30 sport 7.35 Double First, Barry Norman talks to Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring about his former success as a Rugby Union international 8.05 Performance on Sport 9.05 Tales of the Turf (46) 9.25 On the Job 10.15am The World 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Riebaum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Dinkley 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 James Whelan 1.00am Ian Collins

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, Mozart (Flute and Harp Concerto in C, K289); Beethoven (Symphony No.3 in C, C minor) (arranged); Purcell (Incidental music: The Gordian Knot Unravelled); Arnold (Folk Dances); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in C, Op.9 No.1); Mozart (Quintet in E flat for piano and wind, K452) 9.00am Morning Concerto with Paul Gilmore, includes Wagner (Overture: Venusberg Music, Tannhäuser); Beethoven (Ahl Perfido); Elgar (Soprano); Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No.1) 10.00am Musical Encounters, Artist of the Week: Gustav Leonhardt (harpsichord); Scarlatti (Sonatas in A, K308 and 209) 10.07 Revellata (Sensory); Alkan (Chemin des Indes); Franck (Overture); Bizet (Incidental music: L'Arlesienne, excerpts) 11.00 Mozart (Flute Quartet in A, K285); Last (S) Friends of Asclepius (Piano Concerto in D); Legends, 1575; Bach (Cantata No.11: Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen) 12.00am Composer of the Week: Richard Rodney Bennett. Film Music: Far from the Madding Crowd (excerpts); Schubert; Calendar; Three Impromptus; Elegiac; Can lucco; Arioso; Elegy for Caroline Lamb 1.00pm Hausmusik, Mozart (Clarinet Quintet in A, K581); Mendelssohn (String Quartet in A minor, Op.13) 2.15 The BBC Orchestra, The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn. With Ian Bostridge, tenor, and

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today Ind 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Selling Alone Around the World, by Joshua Slocum. Read by William Roberts (1/5) 8.55 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week. Melvyn Bragg is joined by Times columnist Simon Jenkins, Kate Saunders, Frank Kermode, Robert Young and Catherine McCall 10.00 News: Dear Diary (FM only). Diary extracts from two women crossing Africa, on a wagon train, in the mid-19th century (1/4) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Scepter'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Brussels Goes Bananas. See Choice 12.00 News: You and Yours, with Chris Choi 12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996. Robert Robinson hosts a new series of the general knowledge quiz. With contestants Duncan Grant, Margaret Hickey, Jane Teasdale and Cive Walters 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World and I, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News: Cutting Edge, by John Harvey, starring Tom George, Sean Baker, (3/5) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News, 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynn Walker talks to Andrew Linton as he conducts Salome at the English National Opera

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Finally, BBC's new Saturday game show *Full Swing* was crushingly awful. It's a golfing version of *Big Break* — with golfing celebrities such as Ronnie Corbett helping contestants to win money. Enjoyment is hampered by several factors: too many gimmicky games, untrustworthy virtual reality, general life-draiming pointlessness, and Jimmy Tarbuck calling the women contestants "love." On the plus side, the sexist jokes have the authentic ring of the golf club. And also, of course, the viewers can shout "It's the Rons!" with genuine alarm.

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Southern Electric prepares rival bid for Southern Water

By ERIC REGULY

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC is preparing to foil ScottishPower's plans for becoming Britain's first fully integrated utility by launching a rival bid for Southern Water.

Southern Water confirmed yesterday that it has been approached by at least two potential purchasers and said that "it has an open mind about both offers". It is understood that the bidding started at £1.3 billion. ScottishPower disclosed that it was

one of the candidates and it later emerged that Southern Electric was the other.

Southern Water's reaction suggests that it is not guarding its independence and hopes to get the highest price possible by triggering a takeover battle between Southern Electric and ScottishPower.

ScottishPower recently approached the board of Southern Water, led by William Courtney, the chairman, and Martin Webster, the managing director, with a proposal to buy the company for about

£1.3 billion, compared with Southern Water's current market value of about £1 billion. Takeover speculation has lifted the water company's shares in recent months; they closed on Friday at 68p, up 6p, against their year low of 59p.

A water company purchase would fulfil ScottishPower's goal of becoming Britain's first fully integrated utilities concern. The company generates and supplies electricity and last autumn expanded its electricity interests through the £1.1

billion purchase of Manweb, the regional electricity company in the North of England. It also has gas supply and telecommunications subsidiaries.

ScottishPower would prefer a friendly takeover, but would have no qualms about going hostile. Its pursuit of Manweb was one of last year's nastiest takeover battles, establishing Ian Robinson, ScottishPower's chief executive, as one of the toughest and most aggressive managers in the utilities industry. South-

ern Electric is a natural partner for Southern Water. Their franchises overlap in the South of England and could cut overhead costs by combining head offices and other operations, such as information technology and billing systems.

Southern Electric, however, may run into political problems because merging some operations with Southern Water would inevitably reduce overall employment in the two companies. Furthermore, it might be seen as a move designed to

keep ScottishPower from introducing additional electricity and gas competition into the regional market.

ScottishPower is motivated by the prospect of adding customers through geographic expansion. It has a market capitalisation of about £3.2 billion, and appears to have enough financial muscle to take on Southern Water. Its gearing at the end of its last financial year was 52 per cent, in spite of the Manweb purchase, and its profits were £405 million.

UK economic record beats rest of Europe

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government will proclaim the UK's superiority over other European states in key aspects of economic performance in a White Paper on industrial competitiveness next month.

But the White Paper will acknowledge that the gap in performance between Britain and other competitor countries is not narrowing significantly, and that there are, in particular, big gaps over education and training.

A report on international competitiveness, to be published this week by the World Economic Forum, is expected to show an improvement in the UK's ranking against its principal competitor countries.

In the third annual White Paper on industrial and economic competitiveness, set to be published on June 13, the Government will contrast aspects of Britain's economic performance sharply with that of some other European countries. In particular, ministers will proclaim success in Britain in reducing unemployment and creating jobs, compared with France, Germany

and Spain. The White Paper will emphasise the importance to Britain's economic performance of a more deregulated labour market, and of the Government's policies aimed at promoting greater labour market flexibility, as well as avoiding policies widespread across Europe such as the minimum wage, which Labour is promising to introduce in the UK if it wins the next election.

It will also proclaim Britain's success in other areas, including attracting key inward investment from countries outside Europe. The White Paper is expected to point out that the UK pulls in two fifths of all inward investment coming into the EU.

However, the White Paper will be unable to alter the Government's principal conclusion on Britain's competitiveness — that while the UK has a small number of world-class companies, it has a long tail of industrial underperformers that hold Britain back.

Though the document will emphasise the improvements made in the UK, Whitehall officials acknowledge that a

substantial gap — previous estimates have put it at about 25 per cent — exists between UK and other countries' competitiveness performance.

The central findings of the White Paper will focus on education and training. The competitiveness unit has carried out what it calls a "skills audit", looking in detail at how Britain's performance in training and education compares with other countries, and again finds significant underperformance in the UK, especially compared with the US, Germany and Japan.

Ministers are nervous about the results of the skills audit, which they fear will be used by Labour to attack the Government, as the principal actor, will find it difficult to shrug off the blame.

The White Paper will also include commitments on greater pay flexibility and the operation, from the autumn, of a national benchmarking service, which will allow companies to measure themselves against the best performers.



Father Charles wants Parliament's help in securing compensation after The Downside Abbey Trustees lost £60,000 in the Barings Bank crash

Ashcroft has stake in buyer of ADT unit

By JASON NISSE

MICHAEL ASHCROFT, chairman of ADT, the Bermuda-registered security group, has emerged as a 15 per cent shareholder in the company that bought British Car Auctions, ADT's subsidiary, last year.

The sale, which followed a six-month auction, was billed as being for \$340 million. But documents filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission show that ADT has received only \$325 million from the disposal so far.

The same documents show that once the sale was completed, Mr Ashcroft bought a 15 per cent stake in the new owner for \$7 million. His interest was not disclosed at the time by ADT. ADT said: "We disclosed what we were advised by our lawyers was the information we were obliged to disclose."

The auction was a close-run thing. The eventual winner was Integrated Transport Systems, a company formed by Tom Gibson, who ran the car auctions business for ADT, and David Hammond, Mr Ashcroft's long-standing num-

ber two at ADT. Mr Hammond stood down as deputy chairman last month. Mr Hammond has a 22.5 per cent stake in the new company and Mr Gibson 1.7 per cent.

The two runners-up were a management buyout team backed by Charterhouse Development Capital and a management buy-in backed by Prudential Venture Managers. Both venture capital companies believe there was little price difference between the offers.

"Our offer was a hair's breadth less than the price published on the deal," said Gordon Bormann, managing director of Charterhouse Development Capital.

Prudential says it offered slightly less than Charterhouse, but believes that, as its offer gave more cash up front to ADT, it was worth as much as the deal that was accepted.

The Integrated Transport Systems deal was structured in a complex way. It gave ADT \$235 million in cash up front. The rest came in a mixture of loan notes, vendor notes and shares in the new company.

Abbot's battle of Barings

By ROBERT MILLER

FATHER CHARLES, the Abbot of Downside, Britain's oldest Roman Catholic public school, wrote to the chairman of the influential Commons Treasury Committee over the weekend to ask for his help in securing a compensation payment for money lost in the £860 million Barings Bank crash.

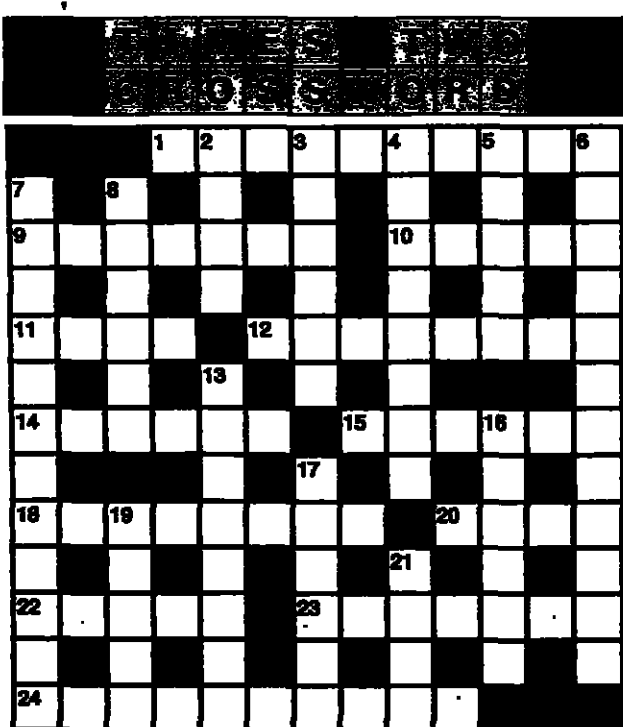
The Downside Abbey Trustees, a registered charity that supports a number of projects in 11 parishes around the country, lost £60,000 through holding Barings preference shares when the merchant bank failed last year. Father Charles told *The Times*: "I feel it is quite scandalous that

people in Barings should have been paid out their generous bonuses, which, after all, were based on bogus profits, and that elderly investors and charities, such as ourselves, should be left out in the cold."

Sir Tom Arnold, chairman of the Commons Treasury Committee, said: "We will certainly consider the Abbot's letter sympathetically and we may decide that we need to take oral evidence from investors who lost money. There is a precedent in that we invited Lloyd's names and their action groups to give evidence in an earlier inquiry." The MPs, who are conducting their investigation into the Barings

crash, have already received a written submission from the Barings Bondholders Action Group, whose members lost more than £100 million.

ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group that bought Barings, has consistently maintained that it has no legal obligation to make any compensation payment to bond and preference shareholders. Nevertheless, certain senior executives within Barings are understood to be sympathetic to the plight of investors, and have been searching for a possible mechanism to address what has become a source of persistent embarrassment.



No 792

ACROSS

- 1 Made to work; up-to-date, excited (slang) (8,2)
- 9 Point of view (7)
- 10 Greenish tawny mixture (5)
- 11 Teatime food; smear thickly (4)
- 12 Capital of Brazil (3)
- 14 A wonder (6)
- 15 Drank (animal); passed a second time (6)
- 18 Decorative material sewn on another (3)
- 20 Game played in chukkas (4)
- 22 Fully mature (5)
- 23 Writer as Pepsys, Evelyn (7)
- 24 Meal of fixed menu, price (5,5)

DOWN

- 2 Sudden fancy (4)
- 3 Job security (6)
- 4 Be master (4,4)
- 5 Evil spirit (5)
- 6 Vital practical details (4,3,5)
- 7 One not fighting in war (3-9)
- 8 Have petty quarrel (6)
- 13 Disparage (8)
- 16 Irrational terror (6)
- 17 (Muslim, Hindu) female seclusion (6)
- 19 Lead weight; precisely (5)
- 21 Quick; secure (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 791

- ACROSS: 1 Longbow 5 Taps 9 Water 10 Routine 11 Right-hand man 12 Diklat 13 Heyday 14 Christmas Eve 19 Doglike 20 Nylon 21 Duty 22 Deepest

- DOWN: 1 Lawn 2 Nit-pick 3 Birthday suit 4 Wordy 6 Axion 7 Sweeney 8 Quintessence 12 Decided 14 Divulge 15 Impend 17 Ropes 18 Knit

SOLUTION TO SPRING BANK HOLIDAY JUMBO

- ACROSS: 1 Test tube 5 Smister 10 Festival 15 Please do not shoot the pianist 17 Force nine 18 Rare earth 19 Nowhere 20 Hamburg 21 Streich 22 Anastasia 24 Iona 25 Forget it 28 Artist 29 Weapon 32 Eased 34 Mal-treated 37 New Yorker 40 Edelweiss 41 Episcopate 42 Arousal 44 Greener 45 Barn dance 46 Steadfast 47 Deliscent 48 Monkey suit 49 Ariel 51 Ransom 52 Finish 54 Tashkent 56 Ace 60 Right-winger 62 Wronged 65 Amazing 66 Outturn 67 Regulator 68 Britannia 69 Keep a civil tongue in one's head 70 As it were 71 Resonate 72 Hear heart

- DOWN: 1 Tip of the iceberg 2 Steersman 3 Tasteful 4 Boddington 6 Interpret 7 Inherit 8 To one's heart's content 9 Retardant 10 Fresh 11 Slimness 12 I know thee not, old man 13 Abscess 14 Angers 16 Retainer 23 Arsenal 26 Grass 27 The Wind in the Willows 30 Pakistani 31 Blow one's own trumpet 33 Shere Khan 35 Theorem 36 Depress 38 Weasel 39 Fierce 43 Little Englander 45 Baiting 46 Slick 47 Darkroom 50 Invariance 53 Irregular 55 Sugar beet 57 Clematis 58 Pinnacle 59 Macassar 61 Gules 63 Octagon 64 Debut 67 Revue

Dairy Crest due to float

Flotation of Dairy Crest is expected to get the go-ahead this week. The UK's third-largest milk processor is expected to make an announcement with year-end figures on Wednesday. A stock market valuation of about £250 million is likely.

Southam bid

Hollinger, ultimate owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, said yesterday that it intends to make an offer for those shares of Southam, Canada's largest newspaper publisher, that it does not already own. Hollinger paid about \$300 million (£142 million) on Friday to lift its stake in Southam from 20 to 41 per cent.



Giles Hilton guards Whittard's reputation for quality as product director and tea taster

Tea time in the City

By OLIVER AUGUST

WHITTARD, Britain's leading tea retailer, will announce its flotation on the Alternative Investment Market tomorrow. Market capitalisation is expected to be £20 million. The chain is hoping to extend its network from 79 shops in Britain to 150, over the next five years, with the expansion mainly overseas.

The flotation, expected by the end of June, will give the company the necessary working capital and help to keep it free of debt. David Cyle-Thompson, Whittard's chairman, said: "We want to focus internationally. The flotation will allow us to take advantage of our present good position and it will be a very good platform for further growth." Whittard has

been importing and selling teas since 1886 and has built up a solid reputation for quality. Giles Hilton, the product director, is said to be able to smell the time of day the tea leaves were picked, and whether it was raining or not.

The company sells 42 brands of tea, as well as assorted coffees, and is firmly committed to the retail side of the tea market, which was worth £630 million last year. Will Hobbhouse, the managing director, said the company did not want to turn its stores into cafes.

Whittard's turnover last year was £15.6 million, an increase of 158 per cent on the previous year. Pre-tax profits were £1.3 million, up 81 per cent.

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FILM

Hot from Cannes: *Fargo*, the thriller which won Joel Coen the Best Director prize, comes to Britain
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Back for the first time in years: The Cure rattle the rafters at Earls Court
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Marcus Binney on a £200m plan to bring Battersea Power Station to new and entertaining life

The white elephant trumpets

Over the years no great London — or indeed British — landmark has looked so irretrievably doomed as Battersea Power Station. Now, though, a consortium powerful enough to set to rest the doubts of the most sceptical is close to signing a deal that will breathe up to £200 million into the empty colossus.

The three new partners of the power station's owners, Parkview, are Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, BAA (formerly the British Airports Authority) and a Californian retail group, McArthur/Glen.

Parkview is a major Hong Kong property developer with a large stake in the colony's booming ferry trade, while BAA's interest springs from its expansion into retail, sparked by the burgeoning shopping facilities at airports. Retail now forms BAA's largest source of revenue.

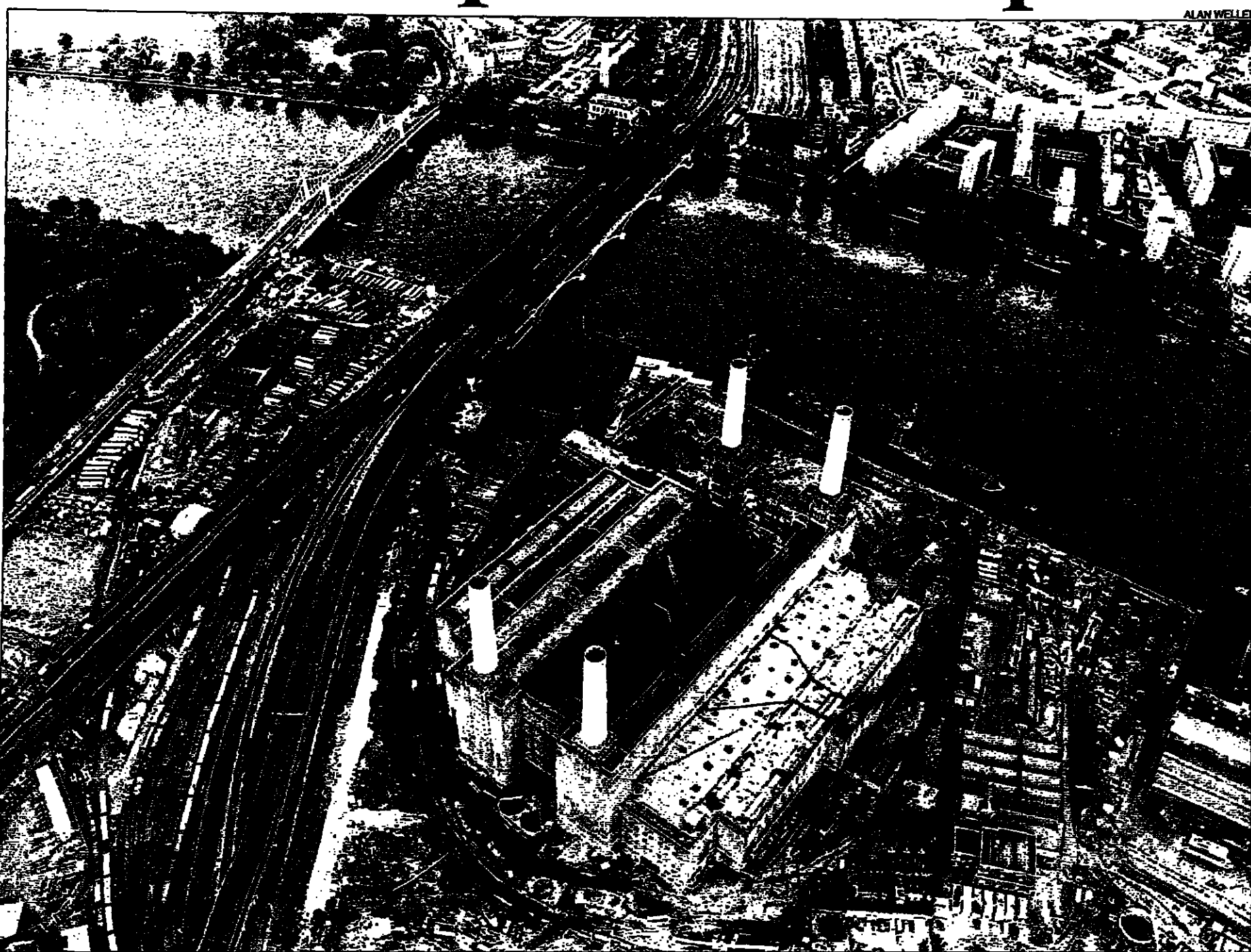
McArthur/Glen specialises in what it calls "designer outlet villages" where American shoppers now spend more than £9 billion a year. In Europe, its major centre at Ellesmere Port, in Cheshire, has been followed by another precinct in the cathedral town of Troyes, east of Paris. Last month it announced plans for a £35 million designer village for Swindon, to be housed in the Grade II* listed Great Western Railway works.

Lloyd Webber's participation follows on from his proposal, now lapsed, for a 2,000-seater auditorium and art gallery next to the Festival Hall on the South Bank. Intriguingly, an auditorium of this size has been spotted on some of the schemes put before planners for the power station in recent months.

The driving force is Victor Hwang of Parkview, while the architects Arup Associates have been brought in as master planners. Parkview's initial plans included a huge tower to be built beside the power station, and intended to become the Canary Wharf of south London. But talk of a building, 50 storeys high, provoked an icy reception at English Heritage, and the plans for the tower have been dropped, at least for the time being.

The land consists not only of the 13-acre power station site, but a further 18 acres to the south already cleared and ready for development. Despite the tendency of the Environment Secretary, John Gummer, to hold an inquiry into every proposed development along the Thames, Parkview has scope to continue work under a permission granted to the previous owner, John Broome, for leisure and entertainment use.

Before Battersea Leisure went into liquidation, with debts of £70 million, Broome planned a Disney-style indoor theme park. The over-



"Battersea Power Station looks half-demolished, but the huge central block was just a tangle of pipes and boilers that had to be scooped out if the station was to find another use"

arching theme for the power station is now for a media city, with film and television studios. There is talk of 32 cinemas springing up in the shell, a Trocadero several times over.

Sports uses might include an indoor rollerblading rink in one of the turbine halls. Rollerblading, or inline skating, is the fastest-growing sport in the world and, like ice-skating, is a good spectator sport, with opportunities for racing and virtuoso artistic displays.

The power station was built in

two phases, with construction interrupted by the Second World War. For more than a decade it sported just two of its present four chimneys. Initially, the design was entrusted to a Manchester architect, James Theo Halliday, but because of controversy over its prominence on the Thames, the great Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, author of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and the famous red telephone box, was called in to add the finishing touches.

He turned the corner chimneys into columns with classical fluting

and, after a last-minute government panic about pollution, raised their height to 337ft by adding distinctive double capitals. Scott's great contribution was to bring to life the cliff of brickwork beneath the chimneys with a series of setbacks akin to those on the Empire State Building.

The power station looks half-demolished from the passing train, but in reality the huge central block was just the boiler house, a tangle of pipes and boilers that had to be scooped out if the station was ever to find another use.

The important interiors are the two 475ft-long turbine halls which flank the main block and retain their roofs. The 1930s turbine hall is lined with giant Art Deco pillars, like two versions of the Hoover Factory facing each other across a dual carriageway.

The control room could be an Art Deco revelation. All the jazz age fittings survive — ribbon Napoleon marble, black skirtings and wave-pattern illuminated ceilings. Recently, the power station has been in steady demand by film-makers, and

the TV drama serial *The Bill* is often filmed there. It is inspected regularly by engineers from English Heritage, who report it to be in stable condition.

Parkview has also negotiated the lease of the railway track closest to the power station, so it can build a new station and run continuous shuttle trains to both Clapham Junction and Victoria. Come 1999, London's biggest millennium project could just be the one that does not involve any lottery money at all.

POP

Piety doesn't pogo

THE venues that the Cocteau Twins chose for their two shows in the capital could not have been more different: first, the Royal Albert Hall, followed, just three weeks later, by the less formal show at the Ministry of Sound in south-east London. Although the Cocteau Twins probably felt more at home in a packed dance club than in the grand space of the Albert Hall, the setting did not seem to make much difference to most of their audience, who stood and watched in hushed reverence.

The sound revolved around the core trio of singer Liz Fraser, guitarist Robin Guthrie and bassist Simon Raymonde, and was supplemented by a floating pool of other musicians, but the object

The Cocteau Twins Ministry of Sound

of the audience's devotion was undoubtedly Fraser. A small figure in the centre of the stage, she did her best to distance herself from the attention by keeping her eyes closed for most of the set. Once or twice, though, she kept them open for an entire song.

She sang in a soaring, swooping voice against the big waves of the Cocteau's music, the sweeping *Half-gifts*, from their latest album, *Milk and Kisses*, standing out early on. Although some of the new songs, particularly the single *Tishbite*, have a real pop sensibility, and Fraser's lyrics are less vague than they were three or four albums ago, she still seems to be striving to express something that is essentially inexpressible.

It is difficult to imagine how the Cocteau's more po-faced fans would react to a sudden injection of humour, but they are unlikely ever to have to, since Fraser limited her interaction to warm smiles, whispered thanks and mimed signals to other members of the band.

However, her very presence, plus the added bonus of various highlights from the band's 14-year back catalogue, such as *Wax and Wane*, kept the faithful happy and even got some of them moving.

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DEGAS AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY DAY FOUR

Richard Cork discusses highlights of the exhibition



"A hint of tiredness, or dejection": *Combing the hair*, c.1896-1900. National Gallery

As an earlier beach scene in the National Gallery's collection testifies, Degas had long been fascinated by the combing of hair. But by the time he painted this canvas, all the diverting minutiae of modern life had dropped away.

We have entered a bedroom, and the woman seated on the mattress seems oblivious of anything except the stern action of the comb. We cannot see her companion's face, and Degas reduces the latter's figure to an astonishingly bare expanse of pale paint. But the strength she exerts through the comb is unmistakable. Its teeth tug their way through the auburn tresses, causing the other woman to steady herself by clutching the pillow.

It is an everyday scene, unalleviated by any diverting ornaments or furnishings in

the room. No pictures hang on the bare walls, where Degas indulges in a sensuous blend of pink and gold. The colours enhance the woman's flaring orange hair, so bright that it casts a radiant reflection on her upturned forearm.

Such richness suggests that Degas was thinking of Venetian paintings of ladies at their toilet. But, compared with Titian's opulence, *Combing the hair* seems almost stark. The chalkiness of the woman's nightdress gives the picture a hint of anaemia, suggesting tiredness and even dejection.

• Degas: Beyond Impressionism is at the National Gallery until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 0171-432 0070)
• On Wednesday, Richard Cork discusses *After the bath* (c.1890-93)

Britten the best buy

Our guide to the best available classical recordings on compact disc, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

BRITTEN'S PETER GRIMES

by Michael Kennedy

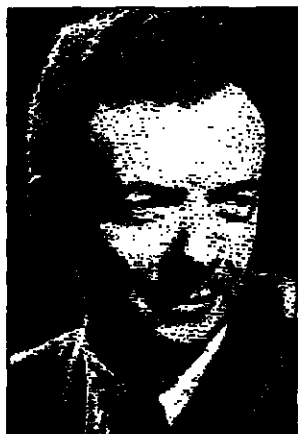
Britten's first large-scale opera, *Peter Grimes*, had its first performance at Sadler's Wells, London, when the theatre reopened after the war on June 7, 1945. It was an historic night for British music because the opera was at once recognised as a masterpiece, not only by the public and critics in Britain, but throughout the world. It was no flash-in-the-pan. Fifty-one years later it is firmly established in the international repertoire.

It was rare in the days before the advent of LPs for a complete opera to be recorded, but substantial extracts from *Peter Grimes* were recorded by HMV in 1948 with the cast of the first Covent Garden production. This included Peter Pears and Joan Cross, creators of the roles of Grimes and the village schoolmistress who befriends him, Ellen Orford. Both are heard to advantage in these extracts now available on CD (EM CMS 7 64727-2), but perhaps their most valuable feature is that they enable us to experience the impassioned first conductor of the work, Reginald Goodall, unsurpassed even by the composer himself for poetic insights into the score.

There are four complete recordings, all except one with the Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra. Britten conducts the 1958 Decca set, produced by John Culshaw, with a more mature Pears as an authoritative Grimes and the American soprano Claire Watson a perhaps surprising but effective choice as Ellen.



Among the smaller roles, Owen Brannigan's pompous Swallow is outstanding. The recording quality still sounds first-class and has a theatrical atmosphere. Jon Vickers's more abrasive Grimes is preserved in Sir Colin Davis's 1978 recording (Philips 432578-2). More than Pears or any



Britten: his version shows the composer's authority

other of his rivals, he suggests the latent violence in the character, but he takes liberties with the text and tempos are often slow. But Heather Harper's Ellen is the best on disc.

Bernard Haitink conducts EMI's 1992 recording in which Anthony Rolfe Johnson sings the title-role with extraordinary beauty of tone and rare musicianship, but the roughness of Grimes eludes him. Felicity Lott is a serene and touching Ellen and the excellent baritone Simon Keenlyside is good as Ned Keene. Under Haitink the Sea Interludes and the choral singing are especially fine, with vivid recording quality.

The latest version was issued in March this year (Chandos CHAN 9447) with Philip Langridge superb as Grimes, Janice Watson a radiant-voiced Ellen and a marvelous portrayal of the Methodist bigot Bob Botes by John Graham Hall. The conductor is Richard Hickox, with the City of London Sinfonia. In spite of an over-resonant acoustic, this is a very recommendable issue, but Britten's remains the best (Decca 414 577-2, 3 CDs, £35.95) — all the others are on two — because it combines the unique authority of the composer's interpretation with Pears's total understanding of the "outsider" aspects of the title-role.

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Science closing in on cancer

It had been a long, hot couple of days in the laboratory but Dr Steve Jackson, a molecular biologist at the University of California at Berkeley, was convinced his labours were nearing something bizarre. He had been conducting some simple experiments on enzymes, proteins which trigger and control certain biochemical changes in the body.

One particular enzyme, he noticed during the summer of 1990, sprang into action only when damaged DNA was around. He had heard rumours of DNA-triggered enzymes but there was nothing solid in the literature. Knowing that damaged DNA was a prime suspect in certain forms of cancer, Dr Jackson was determined to publish fast. Egged on by his supervisor, he persuaded his wife to cancel a holiday and published his research in the journal *Cell* three months later, christening his discovery DNA-PK.

It was an excellent career move. The Cancer Research Campaign invited him to become one of its research fellows at Cambridge University and he quickly rose to his present position as the university's youngest science professor, at the age of 33. As the Quick Professor of Biology at the Wellcome Trust/CRC Institute of Cancer and Developmental Biology, his aim is to uncover what role DNA-PK and other enzymes play in preventing cancer.

A breakthrough came late last year when Professor Jackson found that DNA-PK (the PK stands for protein kinase) was closely related to a protein known as ATM. If the ATM protein — and thus both copies of the gene which produces it — is defective, a neurodegenerative disorder known as Ataxia Telangiectasia can result.

Symptoms of the full-blown disorder include nerve deterioration, a weak immune system and premature ageing. But, crucially, AT sufferers are also 100 times more likely to get cancer.

So a faulty ATM protein means a higher risk of getting cancer or, conversely, the correct version of the protein protects against cancer. Finding out that DNA-PK was related to it, as Professor Jackson and his team did, was

another step towards cracking the link with cancer.

It appears there is a family of five proteins involved in DNA recognition and repair, of which DNA-PK is the best understood. DNA-PK recognises only double-strand breaks in DNA — the twin-strand molecular string twisted into the famous double helix which encodes the instructions needed to make a human being.

DNA-PK is also like a molecular troubleshooter — once it spots broken DNA it holds the severed ends together so they can be fixed. The protein also instructs the cells to stop dividing, so faulty DNA does not spread around

the body. Scid (severe combined immuno-deficient) mutation. It led to another paper in *Cell*, in March last year, and shed new light on what was turning out to be an extremely important chemical of life.

So how did the connection between the DNA-PK and ATM proteins come to light? As with all the best scientific adventures, serendipity and good timing were to play a part. While Professor Jackson and Dr Jeggo were celebrating having cracked the Scid conundrum, a research group at Tel Aviv University, Israel, were furiously trying to clone and sequence the gene responsible for Ataxia Telangiectasia. Through the usual round

of conferences, a rumour spread that the protein associated with this gene had been identified and found to be involved in DNA repair," he says. "It immediately rang alarm bells because of its apparent similarity to DNA-PK."

He contacted the researchers in Israel, led by Dr Yosef Shiloh. "They had sequenced the gene but had little idea what the associated protein did. But we already knew about DNA-PK, and it turned out that both belonged to the same family of proteins."

Cells bereft of this newly found ATM protein were sensitive to radiation — just like cells lacking DNA-PK. Both proteins, it seems, provide protection against cancer.

The gene sequences for both proteins are pinned up on the noticeboard in Professor Jackson's cramped office. To the casual observer, they are a jumble of As, Cs, Gs and Ts, the four bases whose permutations along a chunk of DNA provide the instructions for protein manufacture.

But a closer look, even by an

untrained eye, reveals that sections of the two sequences are almost mirror images of each other, explaining their similar chemical responses to radiation. Three related proteins have since been identified.

The importance of DNA repair in suppressing cancer is becoming clear. Professor Jackson says: "The most common form of inherited colon cancer is caused by defective DNA repair, which suggests that DNA-PK has a role in suppressing cancer."

"We need to find out if DNA-PK works alone or with other proteins. Does it hold certain viruses at bay? If we can find the gene that controls it, we may eventually be able to insert perfect copies if a person doesn't have them."

This, he says, will probably take years of dedicated laboratory work, but the spin-offs could be tremendous. "If we can find a way of stalling the DNA-PK in cancer cells, they would become sensitive to radiation and easy to destroy."

He is now discussing with consultants at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge whether to perform a clinical study of the role of DNA-PK and the ATM protein in patients. If this proves fruitful, the research could open up a new avenue in drugs research.

There is another aspect to the work which fascinates him — ageing. Old age — and a higher incidence of cancers — set in when protective processes slow down.

"There is a theory which says that ageing is due to an accumulation of errors in cells, and DNA damage may be one aspect of that," he says. Telomeres, the protective ends of chromosomes which shorten as we grow older, are also intimately linked with Professor Jackson's research. "Scientists found that if the DNA-PK was knocked out of yeast cells, the telomeres got shorter." By a happy coincidence, the yeast gene has just been sequenced. So molecular biology should, he thinks, make great headway over the next 20 years.

"Molecular biology is a young science but the amount of research being published at the moment shows it is moving at an astonishing pace. With any luck, it should deliver in the next 20 years."



Anjana Ahuja meets the biologist who made the link between a good enzyme and a bad protein



Dr Steve Jackson, one of Britain's brightest researchers, whose work may provide another weapon against cancer

Contradictory evidence over the drop in sperm count □ Tracing drugs back to their source □ How safe is a vegetarian diet?

IS THE quality of male sperm declining? Please don't ask the scientists: the evidence is contradictory and consensus still a long way off. While some studies show a clear declining trend, blamed on pollution, others reveal no change or even signs of an increase in sperm counts. Oddly enough, some of the highest counts of all have come from a study in New York, not normally considered to be a pollution-free zone.

The discovery that baby milk formulae contain significant amounts of phthalates, the chemicals used to soften plastics, sharpens the issue because these chemicals have been targeted by environmentalists as the prime suspects in sperm decline. But if there is no decline, a major prop in the argument falls away.

The May issue of the journal *Fertility and Sterility* contains the two most recent studies, both of which fail to show any decline. Dr Harry Fisch, of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre in New York, studied 1,283 men who donated sperm to sperm banks in New York, Los Angeles and Roseville, Minnesota, before having a vasectomy. Over the period between 1970 and 1994, he reported, there had been "a slight but significant increase" in sperm

Fertile area for confusion

counts, and no change in sperm motility or semen volume, the other two measures of male fertility.

A second study in the same issue reported sperm counts in Seattle. Dr Alvin Paulsen, of the University of Washington, found no decline between 1972 and 1993 in sperm samples from 510 men.

What the two studies do show clearly is that sperm counts can vary hugely, for reasons that are not fully understood. The New York men, for example, showed an average of 131.5 million sperm per millilitre of semen, while the Minnesota donors weighed in at 100.8 million, and the Los Angeles men at 72.7. The Seattle sample —

not directly comparable, because the men were selected differently — scored 52 million.

The most recent British study, of 577 semen donors who had given sperm at the same centre in Scotland between 1985 and 1994, produced an average of 78 million for the youngest men — those born after 1970. But those born before 1959 scored higher, at 98 million, suggesting that in Scotland at least there has been a decline.

But further to compound the confusion, it was published in the same edition of the *British Medical Journal* (February 24, 1996) as a study from Toulouse which showed no decline between 1977

and 1992. Sperm counts there averaged 83.12 million, and showed considerable variation from year to year, but no long-term trend. This contrasts with an earlier study in Paris, which does show a decline.

Many things can affect sperm counts and sperm volume, including the age of the donor and the period of sexual abstinence before sperm donation. This means that studies are subject to many uncertainties. "Prior studies suggesting decreases in the semen quality over the last several decades have been fraught with selection, methodological and geographic biases," says Dr Fisch.

The variations from place to place do not suggest that a chemical as universal as the phthalates is responsible. They imply that more subtle variations in lifestyle — such as the time spent driving, which has been linked to low fertility because the temperature of the testes is raised — could be implicated.

And when sperm counts in some comparable groups of men vary so widely, it is questionable whether the relatively small declines seen in other studies mean anything at all. With no solid evidence yet of a decline in male fertility, it is too soon to panic.

A fingerprint for heroin



AUSTRALIAN scientists at the government analytical laboratories in Sydney have developed a better method of identifying the source of heroin seized by the police. A team led by Dr Bob Wells has shown that each type of heroin has a chemical "fingerprint" which reflects the trace minerals in the soil which grew the poppies from which it came.

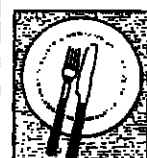
The ratios of more than 30 trace elements, including magnesium, nickel, copper, and yttrium, can be measured using analytical instruments, and compared with known types of heroin. More than 110 samples studied so far show that the commonest heroin in general circulation in Australia is a variety called Chinese No 4, imported from Hong Kong.

Dr Wells says that the virtue of the method, compared with others, is its cheapness and reliability, and he is now seeking samples from other countries to build up a database, so that seizures from all

over the world can be compared and traced to their source.

In fact, he admits, sourcing drugs is not as difficult as it once was. Some drug barons from South-East Asia have become so confident that they make no real effort to conceal the origin of their drugs, even stamping brand names such as Double U-Globe and 999 on the raw heroin blocks. The quality is high, he says. One sample of Double U-Globe tested turned out to be 95 per cent pure, though by the time it reached the addict on the street it would have been "cut" — diluted — to no more than 20 per cent.

To the meat of the matter



VEGETARIANISM has become very fashionable among teenagers, but what they actually choose to eat has never really been explored. A team from John Moores University in Liverpool has examined the diets of 50 vegetarian children between the ages of seven and 11, and compared them with 50 children who

eat meat. The most significant difference that Indira Nathan, Allan Hackett and Simon Kirby found was in the haemoglobin levels of the vegetarian children.

Haemoglobin, the iron-containing component in red blood cells, was significantly lower in the vegetarians than in the omnivores, even though they ate the same amount of iron. The reason, the team reports in the *British Journal of Nutrition*, was the form in which the iron was consumed.

Surprisingly, the vegetarian children ate no more vitamin C than the omnivores, and about the same amount of fat. Their cholesterol levels were similar. Although the vegetarians got no fat from meat, they made up for it with dairy products and convenience vegetarian products, some of which are high in fat.

The team concludes that to be healthy a vegetarian diet needs to be varied and well planned, and that special attention needs to be given to iron intake, to avoid the risk of anaemia. "Substitution of commonly available convenience vegetarian products for meat is not adequate," they say — a pointed conclusion for a study that was supported in part by the Vegetarian Society.

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Taking off the pressure: in the fast-track society of America, Arianna Huffington has decided to put the brakes on her daughter's hectic round

Hothouse meltdown

They have always been with us: tiny children staggering home from school under the weight of their satchels, sitting at the piano for hours perfecting their version of *Für Elise* and strapped in the back of the Volvo being ferried from ballet, to fencing to extra French and to maths coaching.

But pressures on middle-class children have never been greater. At school, the curriculum changes constantly, tests proliferate and the introduction of the starred A grade for GCSE has given pupils a new high standard to aim for.

Parents whose aspirations have been dashed by the recession are focusing all their hopes on their offspring, and training them like paratroopers to survive in our competitive society.

But if many adults cannot cope with the pressures of this cut-throat world, then nor can their children. And the symptoms of hothousing are beginning to show. A survey published recently by the charity Childline, called *Stressed Out*, pointed out that children as young as seven are under so much pressure from schoolwork and exams that some of them consider suicide. The survey showed that a mounting emphasis on academic success had made schoolwork the main worry in their lives.

In January, 18-year-old Richard Metcalf was found dead in the library of Winchester College, having taken an overdose of painkillers. His mother, Carolyn, is convinced that her son's death was the result of the pressure.

An open verdict was recorded at the inquest of the scholarship boy, who had a place to read classics at Oxford. No one knows if his death was suicide or accidental, what is certain is that Richard, who had chosen to take six A levels, as well as involving himself in a host of extracurricular activities, found himself living under an unendurable strain. "He would work until 3am, then take a bath still reading his Latin books," says his mother. "Then he would fall asleep and his books would slide into the water."

Earlier this year, several parents withdrew their children from Newton Prep, a self-proclaimed school for gifted children in London, after allegations of bullying and intimidation. Richard Dell, the headmaster of the £6,000-a-year establishment, attended by the children of celebrities such as Paula Yates and the model Yasmin Le Bon, admitted that there had been bullying, but denied it was endemic.

Parents disagreed. "My eight-year-old daughter was bullied to the point where she had to give up her scholarship," says the mother of one former pupil, who declined to be named. "She was a bubbly, happy little thing but now she has lost all her self-esteem."

Are we destroying our children's lives by driving them too hard? Julia Llewellyn Smith investigates a disturbing phenomenon

Teachers tended to give a lot of attention to the children who were gifted and not enough to those who didn't fit in with the image of being beautiful, happy, intelligent children, so they got upset. Ariana was praised too much in front of the other children and the jealousy got out of hand.

Pressures here have not yet reached the same levels as in America, where young Manhattanites are working the same hours as Wall Street bankers in order to enter an Ivy League college. More than a quarter of New York state schools now offer places for

nothing wrong with urging a child to achieve. "A child will not reach the top without encouragement and help," she says. "There are times when you must push a child to sit down and practise the piano. If you have expectations of children and provide for them, then they will rise to this."

He says he admires parents like Ahmed's mother, Faheda, who took her child out of school and tutored him at home. "I suppose you could call her a pushy parent, but her child was living in a tower block and the local comprehensive could not meet his needs."

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Under pressure? Gifted children at Newton Prep

the "gifted and talented". It took the death in a plane crash, last month, of the seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff, whose mother let her take off in a hailstorm in the hopes of her breaking a world record, to force American parents to search their souls in the realisation that children are being put under intolerable pressures to succeed.

Ours is a culture that worships life in the fast lane and treats childhood as a holding pattern before real life can begin. The question is whether the children of celebrities, such as Paula Yates and the model Yasmin Le Bon, admitted that there had been bullying, but denied it was endemic.

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Christiana Hayward, who also withdrew her eight-year-old daughter Ariana, says:

History has many examples of the perils of pushiness. Karl Wittgenstein, one of the richest industrialists of the late 19th century, was the father of eight enormously gifted children, whom he kept away from school. Three of his five sons committed suicide, so Karl gave up and allowed the unpromising youngest son to go to the local technical high school for a normal education. This was Ludwig Wittgenstein, one of the greatest philosophers of the century.

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Why choosing a partner can be a career move

Equal billing for cosmic couples

Not so long ago the hot accessory for every successful man was a brainless cutie who would massage his ego and impress his friends. But in the 1980s, successful men began to discover the delights of the power spouse, a wife whose career was as brilliant, if not more dazzling, than his.

Harry Evans and Tina Brown, Conrad Black and Barbara Amiel, Nicole Farhi and David Hare, Maurice Saatchi and Josephine Hart, Ken and Barbara Fellenz. Not to forget the ultimate cosmic duo, Bill and Hillary Clinton. Suddenly power couples were as ubiquitous as Filofaxes: dynamic duos whose conversation at the breakfast table (if they partook of such a mundane meal) was not of who would ferry the children to ballet, but of whose turn it was to appear on *Question Time*.

The differences between a 1980s power marriage and one in the 1990s is subtle but marked. In the Eighties decade of conspicuous consumption most of these synergistic unions were second marriages. Once a person had arrived, his or her patient, all-supportive first-time spouse could be discarded like a used tissue.

In the Nineties, these choices are not about making a glittering entrance at a star-studded party (although it never hurts), more about presenting the world with a picture of wholesome domesticity. Take the ultimate duo in 1990s Britain: Tony Blair and Cherie Booth. Theirs was an almost Faustian pact: she would make it to the top as a high-earning barrister,

he would concentrate on a less lucrative but more glittering political career. Childcare duties (which could not be left to the nanny) were to be divided equally, emphasising Blair's right-on, new man credentials.

Would Justine Frischmann have made a convincing lead singer of Elastica, if she had not acquired suitable credibility from hang-

ing out with boyfriend Damon Albarn from Blur?

In television, the cosmic award must be held by Dawn French and Lenny Henry. After the adoption of their daughter, Billie, French and Henry received the ultimate testament, a heartwarming spread in *Hello!*

Any mutual backscratching must be carefully managed. There was an outcry when James Wood, then the literary editor of *The Guardian*, recommended that a novel by Claire Messud be shortlisted for the Booker Prize. Messud, it transpired, was his wife. It is no easy task, however, to balance the demands of dual stardom.

Success as a cosmic couple requires a generosity of spirit. Stella Tillyard, author of *Aristocrats*, the bestselling account of five sisters in the 18th century, is married to John Brewer of the European University Institute in Florence. He is frequently left babysitting their two children while his wife pursues her own career.

Other emergent power couples include Linda Colley, Professor of History at Yale University and the author of *Britons: Forging the Nation* and David Cannadine, Professor of History at Columbia University (both British); Naomi Heaton, the managing director of London Central Portfolio Service and Mark Heaton, the deputy chairman of Leo Burnett Advertising; the lawyers Elizabeth Gloster, QC, and Stanley Brodie, QC; and the opera singers Ann Murray and Phillip Langridge.

And then of course there are Charles and Diana. By seeing the Princess of Wales as a threat to his status, rather than an enhancement, Charles lost the opportunity to be one half of the greatest power couple of the century.

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Tony Blair and Cherie Booth



Lenny Henry and Dawn French



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Matthew Parris



■ Once the Scots have their own parliament, English nationalists will turn nasty — and against Tony Blair

Here is a prophecy: within four years John Redwood will be an English nationalist and *The Sun* will be listing 20 things you can tell a Scotsman to stuff up his kilt. It is a prospect to chill the blood. Imagine: Tony Marlow, MP, the blond brute from Northampton, belting out bulldog chants in the Commons chamber; the blazer lapels of a score of pink-faced Tories sprouting the English rose, drum majorette Teresa Gorman (Billericay, Eng Nat) wrapped in the flag of St George... By the end of the century little England could be big politics. Three things could save us. None is a likelihood.

First, Tony Blair could drop his plans for a Scottish parliament with teeth. Skidding blindfold towards a constitutional bust-up of historic proportions cannot feel good. The nightmare of a general election haunted by questions he cannot answer followed by three years in which the issue details all his hopes must wake him screaming. A late U-turn remains possible.

Or Labour could lose the election. Or they could win but lose the Scotland Bill in the Commons. So my scenario — the adventure of an Edinburgh parliament with home rule over Scotland — may never come. But this is a core pledge from a party 25 points ahead and only months from a general election.

You will forgive me if I contemplate the possibility that it might be honoured. Few south of the border seem to. I fear this is because the wise have concluded that it is so stupid it cannot happen. Mr Blair would be plum crazy to think England would stand for it. Not in a million years would we put up with Scottish MPs governing England after losing our stake in the government of Scotland. It's simply not on.

So surely Blair has something up his sleeve? Well, what? He cannot promise an English parliament, because Labour would be in a permanent minority there. Nor can he be serious about creating a basketful of English regional parliaments: no powers could be given to such toys, and the idea would be laughed to scorn.

The simplest solution — to stop Scottish MPs at Westminster voting on English matters — would hand the administration of England back to the Tories. And cancelling the "tartan tax" won't help. The tartan tax is not a problem for England; we should insist the Scots do have a tartan tax if they want their own parliament — not least to pay for it.

So all of Blair's exits are blocked. He will just have to bulldoze a Scottish parliament past the protests of England. He probably can.

Every hospital closure, or rail service withdrawn will be blamed on Scotland

This is how Scottish politics has demeaned itself over the past 15 years: blame it on the Sassenachs. When England loses its say in the administration of Scotland, how much sharper an edge will "blame it on the Celts" command? And here John Redwood enters the fray. "There would be a backlash from England," he told the Scottish *Sunday Times* journalist Iain Maclean (reported yesterday). "People would say you can't go on having all these MPs at Westminster and all this extra money."

Whether nascent English nationalism will demand a parliament for England (or what amounts to the same) the debarring of Scottish MPs from voting on English matters, or simply the slashing of Scotland's Westminster representation, I do not yet know. But I do know the Tory types who will be first on the bandwagon. My worry is that liberal-minded politicians may be fastidious, allowing the Tory Right to capture the strongest new dynamic in our politics for decades, as the Left has captured it in Scotland.

This will be the new regionalism. If it comes, I trust those who now herald that dawn will not turn sadly aside, murmuring like British Rail spokesmen after snow that it was "the wrong kind of regionalism".

Libeskind's proposed extension to the V&A is an insult to everything the museum stands for

What makes the great and the good choose the bad and the ugly? I've known Lord Armstrong of Ilminster since he was Reginald Maundling's private secretary in 1953, when I was a junior journalist on the *Financial Times*. Reginald Maundling was then one of Rab Butler's junior ministers at the Treasury. Robert Armstrong rose to be Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service in the 1980s.

He was one of the two or three best civil servants of the past half century, an excellent example of the virtues of the British tradition. He was devoted to the principles of democracy and rational government. He believed that a civil servant's job was to serve the policies of the democratically elected government, and he never confused the role of the civil servant with that of the minister. At the same time, he believed that good government needed a continuous process of professional and intellectually rigorous support. No one ever doubted his integrity, his skill, his humanity or his devotion to the public interest. Nor could anyone doubt the intuitive quality he brought to the formation of policy — if civil servants can be divided into poets and practitioners, he ranks among the poets. He once got roughed up in an Australian court, but that was a secondary misfortune.

Robert Armstrong is therefore a friend I greatly admire. I do not admire Daniel Libeskind's design for the new building at the Victoria and Albert Museum, which would be a disaster for the V&A in particular and for civilisation in general. The proposed building is intended to be an ante-building, working out a "deconstructionist" theory of art in its architectural form. It is not therefore ugly by accident; it is ugly because that is what the architect wants it to be. As Richard Weston argued in a letter to *The Times* last Friday, this is

The great, the good, the bad and the ugly

an architecture "designed to discomfort, physically, perceptually and intellectually". Lord Armstrong is the present chairman of the board of trustees of the V&A. The trustees want to erect this deconstructionist building on the Bollerhouse Yard site adjoining the museum. In his letter to *The Times* on the same day, he defended the proposed building, calling it an "exciting design concept". That is an interesting choice of words. He does not say that it is a good design, or a practical one, and he certainly does not argue that it is a beautiful one. He writes that it is an "exciting" one. Undoubtedly excitement is one of the themes of our modern culture — Hollywood aims to make exciting films — but it implies an assault on the senses, an aesthetic of aggression. *The Silence of the Lambs* is an exciting film, but a sinister one.

Lord Armstrong does not even say that it is an "exciting design", but that it is an "exciting concept". We are invited to admire not a building, but the architect's concept of a building, something much more remote and abstract. The visitor to London in a generation's time will not be having an agreeable intellectual conversation with Daniel Libeskind. He will look out of the windows of his bus or taxi and see a disturbingly ugly building that has resulted from an intentionally destructive philosophy of architecture.

Even if this were a matter of aesthetic dispute, with one group of critics saying that the design is

beautiful and another saying that it is hideous, I would not particularly trust Robert Armstrong's judgment. Most of us have a dominant aesthetic interest; we have perceived beauty through the eye, the ear, or through language. Robert Armstrong, as was shown by his long service to the Royal Opera House, is primarily musical rather than visual. But in any case this is not an aesthetic question but a conceptual one. We are not discussing whether this is an ugly building, but whether this

William Rees-Mogg

particular form of ugliness is so suited to our civilisation that it ought to be built in the London of the end of the 20th century.

One must not review books which have not yet been published; but I have been reading a review copy of an important book coming out next month, which I strongly recommend, Paul Oppenheimer's *Evil and the Demonic*. In a note at the end he quotes an article on deconstructionism by Marc Fumaroli, published in *The Times Literary Supplement* of February 14, 1992.

This article was entitled, "A walk in the desert: the ghosts in the ruins of

the French literary tradition". Marc Fumaroli argued that post-modernist and deconstructionist theory, which are in origin French intellectual developments, owe their influence to the French defeat in 1940, to "the German occupation and the *épuration* following the Liberation of 1945. Whole areas of the symbolic legacy of French culture... disappeared because of their complicity with the Vichy regime. By contrast the tired remnants of Surrealism, allying themselves to the Communist Party together with the coterie around Jean-Paul Sartre, coloured by nihilistic anarchism and Marxism, suddenly acquired disproportionate significance. They became rivals and accomplices in a literary Reign of Terror. An abstract symbolic system, atrophied and artificial, was the progeny of this literature of arrogant camp-followers".

This French experience is one of the historic roots of deconstructionism; another is the intellectual reaction to the Holocaust, seen as the ultimate repudiation of humanism. If man could produce the Holocaust, man had to be taken out of the centre of art — the five centuries of humanism were over. The rejection of old symbols extended far beyond France or even Europe. A third source of deconstructionist theory was Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution, which was a deliberate iconoclastic destruction of the old culture of China. In the 1960s,

deconstructionist intellectuals in the West wore Mao jackets and scrawled Maoist slogans on the walls of their old universities.

The worldwide revolution against the old humanist culture of truth and beauty has therefore been historically important; it is perhaps odd that it should only now have reached the Trustees of the V&A, but it is even odder that it should reach them at all. What is the V&A about? It is an institution for the promotion of scholarship, the study of the history of design, and more broadly the search for beauty in human art. What has Lord Armstrong's career been about? He has devoted his life to an essentially humanist search for truth and order in the tangle of government affairs. What is deconstructionism about? It is the tearing down of the old culture of scholarship, truth, beauty, reason and order, because that culture of the Enlightenment is seen as having failed. Sartre, Mao and Libeskind stand for the belief that a great new *épuration* through barbarism is the only way to the brave new world. We must all run mad if we are ever to be sane again.

The V&A exists to preserve the culture which deconstructionism exists to destroy. Lord Armstrong has devoted an altogether admirable life to defending the culture which deconstructionism is determined to uproot. How on earth, how in heaven, did he come to ally himself with Sartre, Mao and Libeskind, with the men who have come to strip the altars of the humanist age? How can the trustees of the V&A fail to see that the Libeskind "design concept" is hostile to everything they believe in? Every building makes a statement. The statement of the Libeskind building is that the culture of the V&A and Lord Armstrong is dead lumber which needs to be cleared away. We are all being invited to take a walk in the desert with the Devil for the good of our souls.

Driven to self-destruction

Peter Riddell says thwarting the EU won't win John Major any friends

John Major and Tony Blair both made serious errors last week. Whereas Mr Blair's was largely tactical, and should be reversible, Mr Major's was strategic, and could be fatal. He ignored the key military maxim of having defined and achievable objectives. Instead, he has embarked on a campaign of uncertain duration in which he can control neither his adversaries nor his own most fervent supporters. His adoption of a policy of non-cooperation with the European Union will not increase the chances of a solution to the beef crisis, will not bring lasting party unity and is not an election winner. The affair is typical of "the mix of defiant ignorance and self-assertive insularity" which, as Sir Roy Denman tellingly argues in his *Missed Chances*, has marked British-European relations ever since 1918.

The Government has mishandled the BSE issue throughout. It has failed to eliminate BSE from the food chain; and when ministers admitted a possible link with a fatal human disease, they did not take decisive action to reassure consumers. They have also miscalculated the impact on the rest of Europe, especially Germany, where demand for beef products has fallen much further than here.

Britain has a strong case that the ban on all exports of beef products is not justified on scientific grounds, as the Commission in Brussels accepts. But the Government has misplayed its hand. It has appeared insensitive to worries elsewhere about the eradication of BSE. The failure to lift even the ban on beef derivatives last Monday was obviously very frustrating,

since Mr Major believed he had assurances of support. But even on its own terms, the vote was only a temporary setback. The margin in favour of easing the ban was not enough under the weighted rules of qualified majority voting, but it should be sufficient on June 3 and 4, when the issue is considered by agriculture ministers and only a simple majority is required. Trying to put in place a procedure for a step-by-step relaxation of the wider ban has to involve recognition of the fear in the rest of the EU. And if no progress is made then, the solution is to go to the European Court.

Mr Major's policy of non-cooperation is both petulant and self-defeating. It combines maximum annoyance with minimum effect. As Jacques Santer said yesterday, it will

not improve the chances of agreeing a longer-term relaxation. The main result will be to delay decisions about the single market, which Britain supports, and it will have little impact on decisions on the future of the EU and a single currency, which do not have to be taken for some time.

The ineffectiveness of the gesture is also its weakness domestically. Mr Major bought time and some cheap cheers and favourable headlines, but the price may be high. As George Walden hinted yesterday, there are limits to the patience of the protectionists. The Tory sceptics have already sought to pin down Mr Major. They will cry betrayal if non-cooperation is abandoned quickly.

Lifting the ban on beef derivatives will hardly be enough. Mr Major talked on Tuesday of waiting until we have a "clear framework in place leading to lifting of the wider ban". But the sceptics argue that the ban has to be lifted completely. John Redwood is linking beef to his general argument for renegotiating British EU membership. He strongly denies that his proposals for a unilateral fisheries limit and for British laws to be made supreme over rulings of the European Court would mean withdrawal from the EU, but they are incompatible with continued membership.

Consequently, the electoral implications are not as clear-cut as some Tory MPs hope. There may be short-term benefits. Despite yesterday's poll showing that most people blame

the Government for the BSE crisis, I expect to see a rise in Tory support and a fall in Labour's rating, in part also because of recent stories about disarray in the Shadow Cabinet. But that may not last long. Voters like firm leadership, but it has to be vindicated by results. And while Europe is increasingly important on the list of issues influencing people's votes, it is well behind the health service, schools and the economy.

Nonetheless, Labour is nervous. When the Tory tabloids — *The Sun*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Express* and *Daily Star* — stepped up their strident and often jingoistic anti-British campaign, a few weeks ago, Labour started picking up a distinct anti-European mood in its polling and focus groups of voters. The Tories are trying to maximise differences on populist issues such as tax, crime and, now, Europe. Just as Gordon Brown and Jack Straw have dodged these traps, often to the irritation of Labour MPs, so Mr Blair sought to avoid being portrayed as unpatriotic and undermining Britain's case. But he appeared indecisive, damaging his image. His calculation is that this does not matter if Mr Major falls on his face. But Mr Blair may have been too cautious. While supporting the call for a lifting of the beef ban, he should have attacked the Government for making a solution less rather than more likely. He should now be confronting the Government, and the tabloids. Although Paddy Ashdown is less vulnerable politically, he has at least made a forthright case for Britain in Europe.

The worry for Mr Blair is that while most European leaders are now looking forward to seeing him replace Mr Major, they do not believe that a Labour government will make much difference. Attitudes might improve, but Britain would still be an uneasy EU member. The BSE affair has not just exposed the bankruptcy of the Major Government's European policy; it has reinforced the belief of Germany and France that an inner core should be allowed by treaty to press ahead regardless of British internal politics.

Book now

CALL IT natural enthusiasm, or call it panic, but there is definitely a touch of added rhino horn to Jeffrey Archer's latest round of book promotion. After some tepid reviews of his doorstopper *The Fourth Estate*, Archer is pushing salesmanship to snapping point. Understandable when a £15 million contract is riding on success.

Take Harrogate last week. Invited to a dinner and signing there, Archer addressed his task like the back end of a hornet. He spotted a window display of his book in a shop and had to be physically restrained by staff when he tried to clamber all over it to grab more copies to sign.

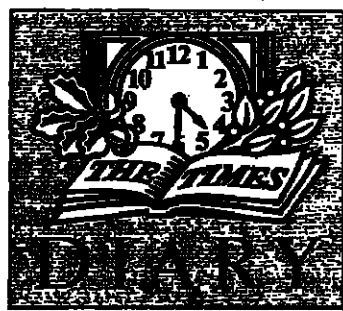
At the Blue Ball last week, an annual occasion for Tory high-ups and loyalists, Archer took advantage of his role as host to distribute more copies. "He was dishing them out all over," said one witness. "I most definitely wasn't," trilled Archer yesterday. "I only gave copies to old friends of mine in the Cabinet."

This week Archer goes to America. In Washington, he is to meet Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. "I met

Mrs Newt recently and she has arranged for me to meet him," the author explains. Here Archer may be putting loyalty to his publisher above loyalty to his greatest political hero. For it was Gingrich who earlier this year left Baroness Thatcher with an empty space to her right for most of her 70th birthday dinner. No amount of "pressure of work" excuses from Gingrich should make the true Thatcherist any more forgiving.



Archer: no one escapes



● The prospect of an autumn election is being taken seriously by the BBC. A 55ft camera crane was erected in Downing Street yesterday to film preliminary shots for a general election programme. "The camera will be taking shots of the door of No 10 and panning across the river," a BBC mole informs me.

Red alert

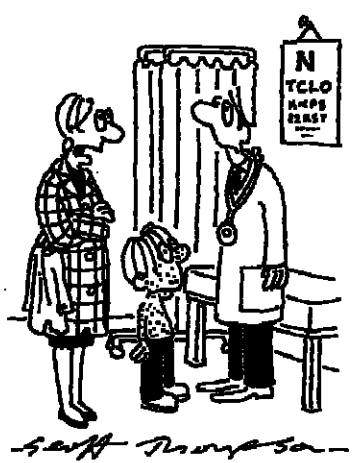
ROGER SCRUTON, the fiery-haired right-wing philosopher, is to receive a rare tribute this week. He will become the first Englishman to receive the First of June Prize, which is given to people judged to have played an important role in the overthrow of communism.

To celebrate the occasion, my opera, *The Minister*, will be performed in Pilsen. Scruton says

proudly. "It's about a minister who sacrifices his personal life to ambition. There are lots of ghosts in it."

Judge not

NOT every judge in the land is gunning for Michael Howard. Two M1uds on the North Eastern Circuit have more important matters in hand, namely Count One and the T.L.C. (which stands for "taken into consideration") — a musical combo that has had colleagues



"It can't be German measles: we're boycotting German imports"

across the nation throwing off their wigs to rock 'n' roll.

His Honour Judge Scott Wolstenholme hammers the drums and His Honour Judge David Wood is king of the keyboards, while barristers make up the rest of the outfit.

"I used to play in rock bands in my youth," explains Wolstenholme. "We can do rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues, pop, jazz. But most of it is in a Sixties timewarp."

Naval gaze

Rule Britannia and God Save the Queen waited across Manhattan's East River on Friday night when the officers of the Royal Navy aircraft carrier *HMS Illustrious* threw a party on deck for some 300 locals. The ship is in New York for Fleet Week, and a band belted out patriotic tunes at sundown.

Illustrious has been in American waters for a recent British-US exercise. The Americans patronised the vessel as a "little ship with a big radar", but the smiles vanished when her helicopters detected and "sank" nine US submarines. The American Defence Secretary, William Perry, congratulated the Brits and asked for a full report on how such a seemingly ill-equipped ship had done so well. Native cunning,

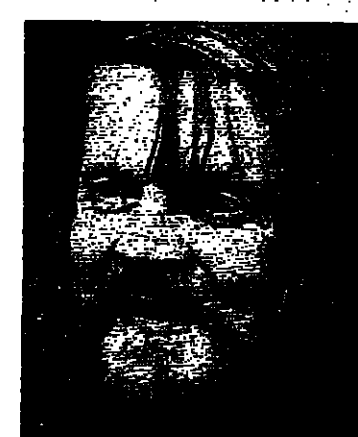


How do you turn a gorilla on? Lord Bath wants to know

● Police were called to the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London when metal detectors were stolen from a stand at a convention organised by the European Civil Aviation Conference. Delegates were busy in a security symposium.

Apeing it

THE comedians Jack Dee and Jeremy Hardy mercilessly lampoon the upper classes in a forthcoming Channel 4 show filmed on location at the Marquess of Bath's Longleat estate. But the marquess, it seems, didn't realise quite what



the sniggering duo were up to. "He gave us a lovely tour of the house, all his private parts," says deadpan Dee. "I don't think he really watches much television or knew who we were. But he said his gorillas were avid viewers."

Lord Bath is in despair at his gorillas' lack of interest in breeding. After years of submitting them to encouraging films of gorilla mating, he has taken a further step. "He's been showing them porn films to try to get them to breed, but without any success," reveals Dee.

P.H.S



WHO LOST RUSSIA?

Western soul-searching would follow Communist victory

"The hot button issue in the 1950s was 'who lost China'. If Yeltsin goes down, the question 'who lost Russia?' will be an infinitely more devastating issue in the 1990s." Those were the words of the late Richard Nixon in 1992. The former President was uniquely placed to make such an assertion, having begun his political career through his effective promotion of the China lobby and ended it as the most senior statesman on the Russian question.

A triumph for Gennadi Zyuganov is far from assured. Indeed what polling evidence there is suggests that Boris Yeltsin may yet be re-elected. Even if President Yeltsin does emerge victorious it will only be by distancing himself from the reform movement he once personified and embracing nationalist causes that the Communists have so successfully adopted. No outcome in this contest is really satisfactory.

If the Communists do prevail, then a certain cycle of reaction can be predicted. The first, as we outline on page 8 today, will be shock and speculation about the return of the Cold War. After that, soothing voices will suggest that Mr Zyuganov is a pragmatist at heart and that contemporary Communists are different creatures from their predecessors. That false calm is unlikely to last and would be displaced by a prolonged period of uncertainty. The likely outcome would be a partial reversal of political pluralism in Moscow, a halt to market reforms and a much more assertive approach promoting Russian interests in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe with rank hostility towards Nato expansion.

In almost any event, including a narrow Yeltsin win, Nixon's question seems certain to be asked. In many ways it is an unfair one. Russia was not the West's to lose. Many of the mistakes that have undoubtedly been made over the last five years were made by Moscow reformers themselves.

In retrospect, however, fundamental mistakes were made by the Western democracies which could have been avoided. The first was the assumption that the shift towards markets and democracy east of the former Iron Curtain was irreversible. Given Communism's record of economic failure and human brutality, the idea that it was too morally bankrupt to make a comeback was perhaps too easily accepted. The degree to which adherents to the old party could remodel themselves was underestimated.

If this was forgivable, the two further failures are less so. Western aid has been inadequate and ineffective. In particular, resources were insufficient to provide a social cushion for the enormous upheaval that the rapid creation of a market democracy would produce. What aid has been delivered has reached too narrow a stratum of Russian society. It is no overstatement to suggest that George Soros, through his relentless promotion of the information revolution to a wide section of the populace, has done more to integrate Russia with the outside world and render the totalitarian option implausible than any elected politician.

Added to this was the failure to remodel the European Community in the light of the events of 1989 and 1991. Democracy and markets were fragile creatures that required the solid anchor of incorporation into Europe. Instead, deepening was pursued at the expense of widening and Russia was shut out. The subsequent proposals for Nato enlargement up to Russia's borders gave the Communists an issue which allowed them to pose as patriots.

There is relatively little the West can do to influence the electoral outcome. The best option remains Mr Yeltsin. All the West can do is hope that Mr Nixon's words do not become prophecy and that it has the opportunity not to make the same mistakes again.

BOYCOTTING BURMA

Travellers should beware the Rangoon junta

Aung San Suu Kyi's defiant decision to go ahead with the planned conference of her National League for Democracy (NLD) at the weekend is a brave decision made by a woman who has long counted the cost of such personal courage. More than 200 supporters of her party have just been arrested. Though the NLD won a landslide mandate in the 1990 elections, the military junta controlling Burma has persistently refused to honour its opponents' victory.

For more than 30 years Burma has barricaded its borders against outside influences. It has in its turn been shunned by most of the world. But now, starved of economic support, the former British colony is beginning to feel the pinch. Burma is trying to creep back in from the cold.

Vital to its attempts at rehabilitation is its promotion of tourism. The State Law and Order Restoration Council which brutally seized power in 1988, massacring hundreds of pro-democracy demonstrators, is now putting forth its most inviting face in an attempt to lure foreign cash into its coffers. The ancient Burmese cities of Pagan, Rangoon and Mandalay churn to the sound of cement-mixers as new hotels spring up in preparation for the October tourist season, when monsoon rains begin to ease.

Burma is a land of wild Conradian beauty, of misted pagodas and moated temples. But, in anger and frustration at the military junta's indifference to democratic opinion, the United States Government is currently contemplating a call for a world boycott of tourism to Burma.

Opening borders to foreign visitors can expose oppressive regimes to a destabilising influence. During its communist era, Alba-

nia kept itself firmly closed to all but the most committed groups of Marxists. North Korea and Saudi Arabia still protect themselves from the influx of tourists. Countries such as Libya and Iran are far from welcoming to their foreign guests.

Daw Suu Kyi formerly hoped that foreign investment might ease the military's grip on her country and initiate sustained social and economic development. She now believes that, in a country where tourism will largely take the form of tightly monitored package-trips and a ubiquitous military intelligence will penalise those found conversing with Westerners, foreign currency will simply fortify a tyrannical regime.

Already Burma's efforts to impress are spawning misery. Unpaid "volunteers" are conscripted into repairing the neglected infrastructure of a land where feudal arrangements maintain a governmental right to call on labour in lieu of taxation. Prisoners, shorn deep in sludge, dredged a century of silt from the moat around the Royal Palace. In the south, Karen and Mon ethnic minorities were pressed into building a railway from Ye to Tavoy. Whole villages were torched to make way for the track.

To enforce a formal ban on Burmese tourism of the kind contemplated in America would, on principle, be an unwelcome restriction on personal freedom. But a boycott based on consumer choice would be an effective tactic in isolating the generals who have shown such contempt for human rights. Travellers tempted by the undeniable attractions of Burma should bear in mind it is a state built on particularly brutal repression. They should shun it until democracy is restored.

HIGHLAND LINE

From glen to ben, a funicular would help the Cairngorms

A century ago no mountain was too steep for Victorian engineers to tackle. They built tramways down the cliffs of seaside resorts, light railways to panoramic peaks and funiculars that ratcheted their winding way to the top of Snowdon. Their constructions, restored by conservation groups, are now admired for their ingenuity and cherished for their industrial architecture.

Today's engineers face tougher obstacles. Those mountains unscaled by technology are fighting to preserve their lofty isolation. Opposition by environmentalists and nature lovers has killed dozens of plans to build roads into Britain's dwindling wilderness. Now they are threatening also to kill a railway, whose daring equals the grand projects of the past: the Cairngorm Funicular.

The £17 million project has been around for a long time. When, in happier days, Lord Fraser developed plans to transform Aviemore into the hub of a new Scottish skiing industry, he assumed that skiers could rely on buses, cars and chairlifts to reach the mountains. His assumption was as mist-bound as the slopes that offer some of Europe's worst skiing. Aviemore, as even investors admit, has been a dreadful failure. Critics say the shabby assortment of cavernous concrete buildings and incongruous high-rise hotels has become Scotland's most derided tourist resort — an aircraft carrier with windmills as Billy Connolly once described it. Chalets with self-service cafeterias and raucous tartan-clad pubs hardly make for Alpine après-ski glamour.

The Aviemore Centre has changed ownership four times in a decade; the latest vision — for a swimming-pool, ice-rink and leisure complex — may not be enough to restore confidence. The fears that thousands more trippers on skis will reach the top of Cairngorm, scattering beer tins as they go, are what lie behind the opposition to the proposed funicular. But they are mistaken.

Britain is no Switzerland. It has few mountains and many who want to explore them — on foot in summer or on skis in winter. Aviemore's chairlifts are old and inadequate. A railway is the best way to move people without the pollution and despoliation of cars: for years, Zermatt allowed only rail access. In an extraordinary concession to the environmentalists, it has been agreed that the funicular can take passengers to the top but once there they are to be confined to a restaurant and a high-tech interpretative centre. That would indeed stop trespass on the virgin peaks. But it is madness. What is the point of scaling a mountain if not to breathe in the air and stretch the limbs? Is it beyond conservancy officials to designate pathways, fence off fragile eco-systems?

The funicular should go ahead. It could even be run by steam: Swiss locomotive technology has built steam trains more cheaply than diesel, as clean as electricity. The railway might finally bring life and vibrancy to the resort at its base. It should be a mountain marvel enjoyed by all, bringing people to mountains they should all be allowed to enjoy.

Disputed plans for sentencing reform

From His Honour Judge Richard Holman

Sir, One of the problems with the Home Secretary's sentencing proposals appears in his own letter (May 24). He refers to 217 offenders and 40 crimes. It is not to devalue the gravity of these offences to point out that they represent a minute fraction of the cases dealt with by the criminal courts in a year.

The wisdom of legislation in such circumstances is questionable. Moreover, unless the statute is carefully drafted, which on past record is doubtful, there is a very real danger of the sentencing straitjacket applying in cases it was not intended to cover and, on occasions, not applying in situations for which it was designed.

Therein lies the denial of justice which is of concern to the judiciary.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOLMAN,
The Crown Court,
Crown Square, Manchester.
May 24.

From His Honour Michael Argyle, QC

Sir, I believe that those correspondents who oppose the Home Secretary's sentencing proposals do little more than score a few legal and technical points which will appeal to some lawyers, most do-gooders and all criminals.

More than 90 per cent of crime in this country is tried by magistrates, who take their lead from the judges. The fact is that the courts in the last few years have signally failed to use the powers they already possess. How often do we hear of a maximum sentence being passed, save when the court complains that the statutory limit is inadequate for that particular case?

This is why the present Home Secretary has, I believe, the overwhelming support of the silent masses who are the actual or potential victims of the criminals. In the face of police powerlessness and judicial and magisterial incompetence. He is our only hope.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL ARGYLE,
The Red House,
Nr Southwell, Nottinghamshire.
May 24.

From Mrs Jan Davies

Sir, It is all very well for Michael Howard and others to hold forth about how criminals are going to be punished more severely. Villains must first be caught and then be prosecuted effectively. Those of us who work daily with the criminal justice system know it is in a parlous state.

In my work as a defence solicitor, I have come across a number of worrying incidents in the Thames Valley when even 999 calls were not answered because there were simply not enough officers on duty to respond, and numerous cases in which people were not arrested for days, sometimes weeks, even though it must have been obvious where they could be found. Evidence is not always collected from witnesses, and sub-stations are often manned only by answering machines. Senior police officers will admit privately that they have not enough personnel.

Similarly, our local Crown Prosecution Service is starved of resources. Files are sometimes lost or too much time is spent chasing the police for information which should be readily available. Prosecutors have been warned that if they complain publicly about rumoured plans by Government to run down their operations still further, they risk dismissal.

What is needed is some hard work and some funding, none of which will make the headlines or win cheap cheers at Tory party conferences. The Government seems to have two priorities: to make public pronouncements on how it is going to reduce crime and not to spend any money.

Yours faithfully,
JAN DAVIES (solicitor),
Reading Solicitors' Chambers,
36 St Mary's Butts,
Reading, Berkshire.
May 24.

From Mr A. G. T. Walker

Sir, If a twice-convicted rapist is sentenced to a mandatory term of life imprisonment, to whom is this a "denial of justice" (report, May 24)?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WALKER,
Honeywood House,
Mill Lane, St Ippohys,
Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
May 24.

Millennium wheel

From Mr Richard Rogers

Sir, The Ferris wheel (letters, April 24) will be a joyful addition to London. I can happily imagine floating high above London in a wonderfully designed Ferris wheel powered by the flow of the Thames. Views slowly opening up the Houses of Parliament, the Festival Hall, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's, the great green parks, the towers in the City, the bridges strung across the silvery Thames.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD ROGERS,
Richard Rogers Partnership,
Thames Wharf, Rainville Road, W6.
May 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Germany and the Final Solution

From Mr Gerald Fleming

Sir, The questions raised by Dr Daniel Goldhagen's book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners* (review, March 28; report, May 9), are of immense importance, even now.

Dr Goldhagen is a gifted man of the utmost integrity and competence but I believe, as a historian of the Third Reich familiar with the archive material, that he has gone over the top in attributing guilt for the mammoth crime of the "Final Solution" to a whole generation of Germans, on the basis of his careful research in a specific but too narrow field.

The demonisation of the Jews, starting in the Middle Ages, led to dreadful and unique mass murder of Jews in our time. This disabilitation grew out of widespread religious and totalitarian extreme militancy and resulted in a never-to-be-forgotten manifestation of "the beast in man", a historic stain from which Europe has not yet fully recovered.

But to point the finger of guilt now at an entire generation of Germans would only be historically correct and fully justified on the basis of substantial newly discovered evidence, or evidence of a historically conclusive nature, disregarded by researchers until now. The evidence at our disposal is neither sufficiently substantial nor conclusive enough to warrant such wholesale historic condemnation.

Rorke's Drift VCs

From Major M. R. Snook

Sir, I write as a serving officer of the Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot), the modern-day descendants of the 2nd Warwickshire Regiment and the South Wales Borderers, in response to Michael Allwood's letter (May 23) concerning the Rorke's Drift VCs.

As to the "Welshness" of the 24th, does Dr Allwood believe that the 1881 change of title was plucked from thin air? Does he regard it as a coincidence that the renowned Isandhlwana Colours, won in January 1879, is laid up in Brecon Cathedral rather than somewhere in Warwickshire?

The change of county title was a reflection of reality, for the regimental depot of the 24th had been located in Brecon since 1873, six years before the Zulu War, and many recruits from South Wales were trained there.

The garrison of Rorke's Drift was B Company of the 2nd Battalion. It contained many young Welshmen, probably a smattering of Irishmen and, I would venture to suggest, almost nobody from Warwickshire, despite the county title.

The other ancestor of the modern-day regiment, the 41st Regiment of Foot, has a specifically Welsh heritage which predates even 1873.

Signs of the times

From Sir Archie Lamb

Sir, Peter Riddell's article of May 13, "Cabinets, codes and the courts", struck a chord with Zeals Parish Council at its meeting yesterday evening. Since 1994 the council has been trying to persuade the Department of Transport and the Highways Agency to restore a sign to Zeals on the A303(T) bypass arbitrarily removed by the agency without consultation and with consequent detrimental effect on the traders of Zeals who, prior to the bypass, relied on the passing trade.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) is precluded by the relevant 1967 Act from hearing a complaint by local councils. The reasons for this may have been valid 30 years ago, when public administration was in the hands of the four tiers of government

In spite of the most intensive propaganda let loose against the Jews, and particularly against the German Jews who had lived peaceably and often in friendship alongside their Christian neighbours for hundreds of years, many Germans were still able, in the Third Reich, to differentiate between the propaganda and reality.

However, the growing pressure from the state security organs and party watchdogs led to silently spreading fear and intimidation among the non-fanatical sections of the populace, and to the inexorable acceptance of fateful events during the war.

It must be said that Hitler did not dare, during the war, to declare formally and openly his responsibility and that of the German people for the mass murders committed against the Jews. This was a calculated silence. The apparently immaculate image of the Führer had to be preserved, for he and his court had every reason to suspect that the German people would not submit for very long to a regime which had elevated the cold-blooded murder of millions to a *raison d'état*.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD FLEMING (Author,
Hitler and the Final Solution),
Emeritus Reader in German,
University of Surrey,
Guildford, GU2 5XH.
May 22.

Of the 139-man garrison at Rorke's Drift, 84 were of B Company, 2nd/24th, most of them young Welshmen.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL SNOOK,
Army Staff College,
Camberley, Surrey.
May 23.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Lummis

Sir, Dr Allwood is right to point out that Private Robert Jones enlisted in the 24th (2nd Warwickshire) Regiment, a title it still officially carried in 1879. But it then had no more than a nominal connection with Warwickshire and had depended on recruiting in South Wales for several years. So it is not surprising that Robert Jones, of Raglan, who enlisted about August 1875, found himself in the 24th with many others from that part of Wales, in time to be sent out to South Africa.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that besides the two VCs from the 24th born in Wales, a third, born in Gloucestershire, had served for five years in the Monmouthshire Militia before enlisting in the 24th.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC LUMMIS,
44 Brackendale Road,
Camberley, Surrey.
May 23.

from Westminster to parish. But the legislation could not have been intended to protect non-elected agencies from scrutiny by the Ombudsman on behalf of elected bodies, since agencies did not then exist.

Parliament — which should be aware of the increased importance attached to the executive and consultative roles of parish councils (cf the Local Government Review and the Rural White Paper) — should amend the 1967 Act urgently to empower the Ombudsman to accept complaints from elected local councils of maladministration by the non-elected agencies. It must ensure that legislation promotes these roles and does not frustrate them.

Yours faithfully,
A. T. LAMB,
(Clerk, Zeals Parish Council),
White Cross Lodge,
Zeals, Wiltshire.
May 17.

All at sea

From the Chairman of the Free Church Federal Council

Sir, While we are delighted to read of the appointment of the Reverend Sally Theakston as the first female Anglican chaplain in the Armed Forces (report, May 18), the statement of her vicar that "Sally is boldly going where no woman has gone before" needs further comment. Other Churches have already set an example.

Ms Theakston follows in the footsteps of the Reverend Jacqueline Petrie of the United Reformed Church, who has served as a chaplain in the Royal Air Force since 1989. If, as

you report, Ms Theakston needs comfort on the thought of being seasick I am sure she will get good advice from the Reverend Caroline Pullman, a Baptist minister who has been a Royal Navy chaplain since 1990, including a period of service aboard an aircraft carrier in the Adriatic during the Bosnian conflict, or from the Reverend Alison Norman, a Church of Scotland Royal Navy chaplain since 1992.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BIGGS,
Chairman,
Free Church Federal Council,
27 Tavistock Square, WCI.
May 20.

Food for thought

From Mr Peter Cumming

Sir, Dr Mary Agass (letter, May 17) asks whether the transportation of perishable luxury food around the globe is the most sensible use of the world's limited oil reserves. "Yes", must be the answer. So long as people choose to fly to and from Bangkok in planes having spare hold capacity, it seems reasonable that this should be so.

Only if luxurious optional travel is reduced is the inessential "transportation of perishable luxury food" likely to diminish. Extravagant travellers have it in their power to stop international asparagus trafficking.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CUMMING,
34 Savernake Road, NW3.
May 17.

From Mr Anthony Kenney-Herbert

Sir, I was delighted to hear that Dr Agass has managed to buy some English asparagus. I prize every spear from my new and modest-sized asparagus bed.

The score so far this year? Thirty-five spears against 89 on the same date last year. Perhaps an asparagus bed would be a good barometer of how warm or, in this case, how cold the spring has been?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY KENNEY-HERBERT,
The Poplars, Rolstone,
Hewish, Weston-super-Mare,
North Somerset.
May 17.

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Export of paintings by living artists

From Mr J. T. W. Martin

Sir, *The Painter's Room*, painted by Lucian Freud in 1943, was purchased at Sotheby's in 1994 by my client, a much respected foreign collector who has established her own museum of modern art.

For the first time since the Waverley criteria were introduced 40 years ago, providing that consent to export a work of art over 50 years old may be refused, even if the creator of that work is still living, an export licence was refused (report, March 5). This caused deep personal offence to the owner — who has in any event offered to lend it to the Tate Gallery, once export permission has been given.

Since the matter is being reconsidered, may I suggest that henceforth consent should be given to export works of art by living artists, for the following reasons among others:

1. To do otherwise may provoke other countries to take the same chauvinistic approach. This is contrary to the free movement of works of art around the world and the interests of British collectors and museums (both have always been able to buy works of art by living artists from abroad and bring them to the UK).
2. Refusal contravenes at the very least the spirit of European Community regulations concerning the free trade between member states.
3. The possibility of refusal could be an incentive to collectors and museums in this country to sell or export valuable works which are approaching 50 years of age.

It seems bizarre that this one painting (which has been offered on loan in this country in any event) has been refused an export licence. I trust that the Heritage Secretary will reverse the earlier decision.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. W. MARTIN,
Trowers and Hamlin (solicitors),
6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
May 24.

Nesting birds

From Mr John Henderson

Sir, Research by the British Trust for Ornithology now suggests (News in brief, earlier editions, May 21) it is safe to carry on feeding garden birds during the nesting season. It had been thought that, given an easy food supply, parents would not give their chicks a balanced diet.

I had left one of our bird feeders empty because it was within 12ft of a nestbox occupied by blue tits, but I refilled it after reading your report. I have since noticed that the only time the parent birds go to the nut feeder is on their way out — they do not go back to the nest from it.

It seems that unlike many human parents these birds see fast food as suitable only for a quick snack, not as a balanced diet for a growing family, which makes the phrase "bird brain" seem unjust.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HENDERSON,
Summers Farm, Hurdle Drove,
West Row, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
May 23.

From Mrs B. G. Nicholas

Sir, I was delighted to read that it is now quite in order to put out seeds, peanuts and other food for the birds throughout the summer as well as during the winter.

Having been a bird lover and feeder all my life, I always felt that it was an insult to birds to suggest that, although they can fly thousands of miles every year in migration and build their nests solely with their beaks, they are not capable of deciding on the right food for their young.

Yours faithfully,
B. G. NICHOLAS,
Policemen's Cottage,
Llantilio, Abergavenny, Gwent.
May 22.

Valueless forecasts

From Mr Peter Wood

Sir, I believe that the BBC must act to save the weather forecast from degenerating into an incomprehensible babble. What was, I suppose, originally intended to be a friendly, less austere forecast style has now become so vague as to be useless.

Phrases such as "up there in the mountains" or "over those eastern coasts", with their indifference as to exact locations, and the apparent pressure on forecasters to apologise for rain (letter, May 2) combine to empty the forecast of its value.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WOOD,
Newbold Farm,
Duntisbourne Abbots,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.
May 22.

Starry-eyed

From Mr Douglas Lee

Sir, Airbus has designed a "cosy twin-bedded 'honeymoon suite'" for its long-range A340 jet (article, May 16). Does it think newly-married couples should start as they mean to go on?

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS LEE,
25 Camberley Avenue, SW20.
May 17.

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Dr Eric Anderson, Rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 60; Mrs Irene Andrews, headmistress, Rickmansworth Masonic School, 54; the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, 64; Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, 60; Mr Jeffrey Bernard, writer, 64; Miss Cilla Black, singer and broadcaster, 53; Viscount Boyle, 31; Miss Bryony Brind, ballerina, 36; Earl Cairns, 57; Mr Pat Cash, tennis player, 31; Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, 65; Mr Lewis Collins, actor, 50; Colonel Sir William Crawshaw, 76; Lord Ennall, 62; Mr Roger Freeman, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 54; Mr Paul Gascoigne, footballer, 29; Mr Duncan Goodhew, swimmer, 39; Miss Patricia Gould, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 72; Mr Norman Griggs, vice-president, Building Societies Association, 80; Lord Holme of Cheltenham, 60; Dr Henry Kissinger, 82; former Secretary of State, 73; Mr Christopher Lee, actor, 74; the Duke of Leinster, 82; Sir John Moberly, diplomat, 71; Miss Thea Musgrave, composer, 69; Mr Patrick O'Connell, chairman, Lloyd's Register, 62; Mr Gerald Rouson, chief executive, Heron International, 57; Miss Florence Sharples, former executive director, YWCA, 65; Mr Sam Sneed, golfer, 84; Sir Ross Stinton, former chairman, BOAC, 82; Mr M.C.T. Webster, former chairman, DRG, 76.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Amelia Bloomer, campaigner for women's rights, 1818; Julia Howe, feminist, writer and reformer, New York, 1819; Wild Bill Hickock, US marshal, Troy Grove, Illinois, 1837; Arnold Bennett, novelist, 1870; Hanley, Staffordshire, 1887; Georges Rouault, Expressionist painter, Paris, 1871; Isadora Duncan, dancer, San Francisco, 1877; Frank Woolley, England and Kent cricketer, Tonbridge, 1887; Dashiell Hammett, crime writer, 1894; Sir John Cockcroft, physicist, Nobel laureate 1951, Todmorden, Yorkshire, 1897; Hubert Humphrey, American Vice-President 1965-69, Wallace, South Dakota, 1911.

DEATHS: Thomas Müntzer, Protestant reformer, executed, 1525; John Calvin, Protestant reformer, Geneva, 1564; François Babeuf, revolutionary, executed, Vendôme, 1797; Niccolò Paganini, composer and violin virtuoso, Nice, 1840; Sir Joseph Swan, chemist and physicist, Warrington, Surrey, 1914; Sir Thomas Blamey, Field Marshal, Melbourne, 1951; Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, first Prime Minister of India 1947-64, New Delhi, 1964.

The Habeas Corpus Act was passed, 1679.

Tsar Peter the Great proclaimed St Petersburg the new Russian capital, 1703.

The Queen Mary sailed on her maiden voyage from Southampton via Cherbourg to New York, 1936.

University news

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

Elections: To a Belfry Scholarship in Biological Sciences, Madeline O'Keefe (formerly of Kingston College).

To an Irene Seymour Instrumental Scholarship in Music, Samantha Clain (formerly of The Kings School, Macclesfield).

To a Hughes Exhibition in Jurisprudence, Claire Butler (formerly of Blodporth High School, Stoke on Trent).

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Elections

Research fellowships from October 1, 1996: Reginald Frogley, Earth Sciences; Simon James Harrison, Ancient Philosophy; Catherine Mary Kern, Medieval Italian Literature; Mary Rachel Lavenex, French Literature; Catherine Isabel McCreath, Electrical Engineering; To a fellowship and as lecturer in economics from October 1, 1996: Vivienne Ogilvy Barrowclough.

Service dinner

41 Fighter Squadron, RAF Wing Commander I.G.S. Mathew was the principal guest at the 80th anniversary dinner of 41 Fighter Squadron, RAF, held on Saturday at the Stakis Hotel, Norwich. Wing Commander, C.N. Harper, Officer Commanding, presided. Lady (John) Thomson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roy Amster-Smith and Air Vice-Marshal John Day were among the guests.

Legal appointments

Mr Joseph William Gaskell to be a circuit judge, assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Mr Alistair William McCreath to be a circuit judge, assigned to the Midlands and Oxford Circuit.

Mr Robert James Winstanley to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Rothschild Prize

The 1996 Rothschild Prize in Physics has been awarded to Professor Joseph Imry, of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Professor Imry is an expert in the theory of solid state physics and a founder of the growing field of mesoscopic physics.

Nature notes

HOBBIES are soaring over woods and fields with their curved wings, they look from some angles like large swifts. These acrobatic, dark blue falcons have become more widespread in the last few years. Goldfinches are building their mossy nests in the branches of fruit trees; they are the last of the finches to start breeding, since they like to feed their young on the thistle seeds that develop in June and July. There are many bedging blackbirds and song-thrushes hiding under bushes while their parents hunt for worms.

The air is full of the fluffy seed from sallow trees: it floats into cars and railway carriages. There are bright green leaves among the dark ivy on walls and tree-trunks. Many of the low-growing flowers of late May are now in



The hobby

bloom where grass is patchy. The five-petalled red stars of storksbill often grow near the many purple flowers of dove's-foot cranebills; both have seeds that look like long beaks. Germander speedwell grows along the ground, turning up at the end; it has nettle-like leaves and brilliant blue flowers with a white eye-spot in the middle. Some wild strawberry flowers are already giving way to fruit.

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Wordy devotion: some of the 500 competitors of the London regional final of The Times/Aberlour Crossword Championship puzzle it out

9-minute wonders share win

BY BRIAN GREER

IN AN exceptionally tight finish, the London regional final of The Times/Aberlour Crossword Championship at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on Saturday was jointly won by Tony Sever, 52, a computer systems designer from Ealing, west London, and Michael Trollope, 50, a chemical engineer from Worthing, West Sussex.

Each solved four puzzles correctly in an average time of nine minutes. Taking fractionally longer, and also qualifying for the national final were Anne Bradford, 65, a lexicographer, Peter Brooksbank, 42, a government lawyer, Roger Hooper, 47, a software engineer, John Meaden, 47, a mathematician, and Nick Petty, 43, a systems manager.

The pairs event was won by Alan Porteous, 53, a trademark attorney, and his son Jonathan, 29, a lawyer, with an average time of under 14 minutes. Runners-up were Roger Green, 55, a writer, and Douglas Duff, 48, a schoolmaster, both from Oxford.

Scholarships for the Army

The following have been awarded Army scholarships for eventual entry to RMA Sandhurst: Sophie Alexander, Wakefield High School; Timothy Badham, Downside School; Patricia Bateson, Bell Baxter High School; Matthew Bell, Oundle School; James Cackett, The Sidners School; Christopher Cameron, Wellington College; Thomas Cannon, Marlborough College; Thomas Clark, King's School, Grantham; Paul Clark, Queen Elizabeth's Boys School, Barmen; Stuart Clark, Tonbridge School; Lucas Cohen, King Edward VI Grammar School; James Corbet Burcher, King's

College School, Wimbledon; Andrew Cowie, Wellington School; Michael Dodge, Guildford County School; Lisa Downes-Powell, St Lawrence School; Christopher Duxbury, Sedburgh School; Martin Finn, John Hampden Grammar School; Damian Flanagan, Cranbrook School; James Fox, Rugby School; James Grant, Netherhall Sixth Form College; Mark Harrison, Wellington College; Catharina Holmes, Prior Park School; Hannah James, Stowe School; Thomas Kibble, Emmanuel College; Dylan Langley, St John's School, Leatherhead; Angus Mathers, Cheltenham School; Richard Mills, Duke of York's Royal Military School; Michael Mitchell, Peisley School;

Oliver Morgan, Bristol Grammar School; Oliver Orniston, Bedford School; Michael Pepper, Ampleforth College; Nicholas Rendall, Repton School; Saku Saha, Haberdashers Aske's School; Angus Saunders, Royal Grammar School, Guildford; Benjamin Shepherd, King's School, Brunton; Nicholas Smart, Aylesbury Grammar School; Andrew Snell, The Cathedral School, Hereford; Adam Syler, Bedford School; Erik Sutherland, Loretto School; Benjamin Taylor, Manchester Grammar School; Alastair Thompson, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane; Benjamin Thomson, Eton School; Anna-Marie Watson, Central Newcastle High School; Paul Wilkins, West Somerset Community School; Nicholas Wolstenholme, Christ's Hospital.

Archaeology: French Palaeolithic site

Baby's ear sheds light on link between the Neanderthal age and modern man

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A BABY'S ear may hold a vital clue to human ancestry, illuminating the link between Neanderthal and modern man. It may also shed light on Neanderthal creativity in tool-making and ornamentation.

The baby in question died about 34,000 years ago. Part of its skull was excavated some years ago at the French Palaeolithic site of Arcy-sur-Cure. Stone tools found at Arcy were attributed to the Châtelperronian industry, for many years seen as the first time that technically advanced blade tools appeared in Western Europe.

Personal jewellery made from animal teeth and shells was also found, suggesting a degree of conceptual thought in its creators: such portable art, like that on cave walls, was thought to have been exclusively the product of modern human beings. *Homo sapiens sapiens*, and not the

Neanderthals, who were seen as their ancestors.

Views of the relationship have changed, however, and most scholars now regard *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis* as an evolutionary dead-end, replaced by immigrant sapiens from the East. In that respect, the identification in *Nature* this month of the Arcy-sur-Cure baby as a Neanderthal raises some problems.

The skull fragment, comprising the left temporal bone and associated inner-ear labyrinth of a child about a year old, comes from Layer Xb, dated by radiocarbon to about 33,820 years ago. Jean-Jacques Hublin and his colleagues show that the semicircular canals of the labyrinth, used for balancing and upright walking, sit far lower than those of either modern man or chimpanzees, and are also smaller relative to body size.

"The Arcy specimen can be identified as Neanderthal on

the basis of the full suite of Neanderthal features shown by its labyrinth," they say. The dating makes it among the most recent of Neanderthals.

Since modern humans are now known to have entered western Europe by 40,000 years ago, that implies coexistence of the two sub-species of mankind for at least six millennia. The stone tools from Arcy suggest that the Châtelperronian was technically synthetic, based on Neanderthal flake technology but aping the forms of the parallel-sided Aurignacian blades introduced by modern humans.

That indicates "a high degree of acculturation", the investigators say, while the association with personal ornaments so similar to those found in contemporary and nearby Aurignacian layers questions the nature of the cultural interactions with modern humans. Rather

than granting the Arcy Neanderthals the possibility of creative ideas, or even technical imitation, however, Dr Hublin's team regard the personal jewellery as evidence of trade. They believe that the biological evidence of separate evolution, seen in the infant ear labyrinth, means that fully human thought processes did not illuminate the Neanderthal mind.

That accords with the conclusions recently reached by Dr Paul Mellars of Cambridge University on archaeological grounds: that lack of a language to describe things accurately prevented Neanderthals from matching a name with a mental image" (*The Times*, February 5, 1996). Whether the Neanderthals were wiped out by brighter moderns or starved out in unequal competition for resources remains to be settled.

Source: *Nature* 381:224-226.

Nannies for lifetime honoured in Madrid

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

DAVID BRIGHTLY, the British Ambassador to Spain, has conferred the insignia of honorary MBEs on two elderly nannies at the British Council School in Madrid.

Dona Manuela Aedo and Dona Remedios Ribera, who both retired last September, served at the school for 49 and 51 years. Known simply as Manuelita and Remedios to

the generations of children whom they looked after with care and dedication, the two women began their service shortly after the end of the Spanish Civil War.

Among their wards have been Esperanza Aguirre, now Spain's Minister for Education and Culture, and the children of the Duchess of Alba. The school was founded in 1940 by Walter Starkie, the British Council's first representative in Spain.

Marriages

The Hon Luke Bridgeman and Miss V.R. Frost

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Eynon, Northamptonshire, of the Hon Luke Robinson Orlando Bridgeman, second son of Viscountess Bridgeman, to Miss Victoria Rose Frost, youngest daughter of the late Mr Henry Frost and of Mrs William Mellen. The Rev Dr John Courtie officiated, assisted by Canon Haydn Smart and the Rev Nicolas Stacey.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr William Mellen, was attended by Harriet Asquith, Kate Macnamara, Esther Oakley and Rose Sutcliffe. Mr George Osborne was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr H.G. Bottomey and Miss M.N. de Vicente

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Casa de Prado Largo, Madrid, of Mr Henry Bottomey, youngest son of St James and the late Lady Bottomey, of Cambridge, to Miss Nieves de Vicente, daughter of Dr and Mrs Gaspar de Vicente, of Madrid. The Rev Stephen T. Rehner officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Marina Saint-Carnier, Mrs Jane Reid, sister of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at Club del Prado Largo and the honeymoon will be spent in Minorca.

Mr J.M.L. Pollock and Miss S.J. Wanless

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Tuscany, of Mr Joshua Pollock, only son of the late Dr Anthony Pollock, of County Tyrone, and of Lady Cassell, of Somerset, to Miss Suzanne Wanless, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Wanless, of Cheltenham. The Right Rev Hugh Denport, Auxiliary Bishop in Europe and Chaplain of St Mark's, Florence, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alice Denport, Mrs James Napoli and Miss Elizabeth Webster. Mr Michael Mackay-Lewis was best man.

A reception was held at the Convent of San Croce and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.A. Hope of Luffess and Mrs A.M.W.J. Haines

The marriage has been arranged, and will take place shortly, of George Archibald Hope of Luffess and Mrs Anna Maria Williams Jacoba Fabius, widow of Jean Gaspard Haisma Muller. Mr M.G. Prothero and Miss T.L. Rigden.

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Prothero, of Hong Kong, and Anna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rigden, of Colston Bassett, Nottinghamshire.

Latest wills

Viscountess Leathers, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, shipping executive, former chairman of William Cory & Son, left estate valued at £390,290 net.

Mrs Kathleen Back, of Wimbledon, London (Kathleen Harrison, the actress), left estate valued at £122,249 net.

Katharine Margaret Gill, of Watlington-on-the-Hill, Surrey, left estate valued at £133,816 net after payment of debts and funeral expenses, £11,000; she left the residue after payment of debts to the RNLI, RNIB, RSPCA, the Danio Dolci Trust, Sicily, and Afghanistan.

Mr Neil Anthony Smith, of Heleborough, Scotland, formerly of Brentford, Middlesex, left estate valued at £5,671,994 net. He left £190,000 to the Newby Trust, Professor Sir Harold Walter Bailey, of Cambridge, Professor of Sanskrit at Cambridge University, 1938-67, left estate valued at £152,153 net.

Mrs Anne Denise London, of Titchborne, Hampshire, left estate valued at £132,640 net.

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DEATHS

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BIRTHS

HOWARD - To Alex and Jane, a daughter, Anna, 24 May, 1996. A sister for Angus.

STRATTONS - On 24 May, Deborah (née Hutton) and Charles, a son, Frederick. Matthew Lincoln, a brother for Archie, Romilly and Emma.

WOOD - On May 24th 1996, to Catherine (née Menden) and Quenton, a daughter, Shariel Emma, a sister for Charlotte.

MARRIAGES

DEAKIN-JENNINGS - The marriage of Lt. Col. Michael Deakin and Mrs Eileen Jennings, 24 May 1996, took place quietly in Guildford on Friday 24th May 1996.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SEBASTIAN SAUNDERS - On May 27th, 1946, at All Saints Church, Norton, Devonshire, Peter to Eileen.

DEATHS

BOUGHNEY - Dame Emma, 84, died on Thursday 23rd May. Beloved widow of Canon John Boughney and mother of Jane and Michael. During her long life, she was a devoted wife, mother, and friend. Her funeral service will take place at St Peter's Church, Brixton, on Wednesday 30th June 1996 at 12 noon.

DEATHS

BOWEN - Emma Grace, on 24th May in Fort Myers, Florida, in her 90th year. Deceased wife of Thomas Bowen. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fort Myers, Florida.

CROFTSWAITE - On 22nd May 1996 peacefully at The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey, after a long illness, Brigadier Peter Croftswaite, beloved father of Mrs Wendy Croftswaite and son of the late Mrs Croftswaite. Buried in the Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

KIRBY/WILDE - There will be a service to remember Scarlett Jane Kirby and William Wilde in the Church of St. Mary, 24 May 1996 at 11.00 am. Rev. Canon 01965 844400 x 227.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

SEWELL - Ronald, beloved father of David, died on 24th May 1996. A year nearer our reunion. David.

TREND - Plus ça change, plus ça change. R.I.P.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

HIS HONOUR BERNARD GILLIS

His Honour Bernard Gillis, QC, an Additional Judge at the Central Criminal Court, 1964-80, died on May 5 aged 90. He was born on August 10, 1905.

ON AT least one occasion Bernard Gillis's instinctive compassion got the better of him. After jailing a rapist for life at the Old Bailey, he agreed that the man's identity should not be disclosed for fear of distressing his elderly parents. But two hours later, after protests from the press, Gillis reconvened the court with his apologies — to admit that he had no power to make such an order.

The mistake was a rare one in a career spanning half a century, during which Gillis had become an institution at the Old Bailey — with his name almost a household word through its constant appearance in the newspapers. At one time he was equally familiar on the radio. Before the war he devised and presented two series for the then fledgling BBC, one called *Around the Courts* and the other *Is That the Law?* Then eight years ago he appeared before his biggest audience when he took the part of the judge on television at a mock trial of the late Sir Roger Hollis, the former head of MI5 whom some had suspected of being a Soviet spy.

But Gillis kept his own views to himself, remaining as always scrupulously fair. Among the many Old Testament quotations for which he was famous, his favourite — as it was Lord Beaverbrook's — came from the Book of Micah: "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before your God."

His mastery of scriptures was hardly surprising. Born Bernard Benjamin Gillis in north London, he was the son of a rabbi and one-time headmaster, whose forebears had migrated to this country from Lithuania. Being born around midnight on August 10-11, Bernard always claimed two birthdays on the ground that no one was sure which one was his.

When he was ten the family moved to Nottingham, where he went to High Pavement School. Then six years later they moved again to Newcastle upon Tyne, from where he won a place at Downing College, Cambridge, to read Law. A studious and ambitious undergraduate, he played little sport but was elected to the committee of the Cam-



bridge Union Society and spoke from time to time in union debates.

Gillis was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1927 and joined the North Eastern Circuit. He also took an increasing interest in politics and stood three times for Labour in general elections, at Henley-on-Thames, Bromley and in one of the safer Tory seats in Newcastle. But he had little chance in any of them and gave up trying to get

into Parliament at the age of 30 in order to concentrate on his career at the Bar.

Commissioned in the RAF in the Second World War, Gillis served on the operations staff at Northwood in Middlesex, and at Leuchars in Fife before being posted to Canada in 1942.

He returned two years later and was on the staff at Reading until the end of the war.

Resuming his legal career on being demobilised with the rank of squadron leader, he built up a reputation for sifting through the financial detail of fraud cases. He took silk in 1954, was made Recorder of Bradford in 1959 and served as commissioner at various times at the Central Criminal Court and at the Assizes in Lancaster, Cheltenham and Bodmin.

In 1964, however, he was appointed a judge at the Old Bailey, where he was to spend the next 16 years. He was elected a bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 1960 and served as treasurer in 1976 — the same year in which Downing College made him an honorary fellow.

When he retired in 1980, he shared a living party with another Old Bailey judge, Alan King-Hamilton, whose career had run on parallel lines to his own. Freshmen together at Cambridge, they had both become squadron leaders in the war, had taken silk at the same time and been appointed judges on the same day — to form something of a joint institution at the Central Criminal Court.

Gillis was known for his dry wit and his attention to English grammar. He used to tell each of his pupils: "Don't forget, dear boy, the English barrister is the custodian of the English language." He was intensely proud of his profession and resented any affront to its dignity.

In retirement he continued to sit occasionally at the Crown Courts of Lewes, Chichester and Brighton — where he lived. He said, while sitting at Brighton, that for the first time in his life he was able to get home in time for tea.

He loved walking in the country and in town and was a knowledgeable historian of London. He would take overseas visitors on personally conducted tours, displaying an encyclopaedic knowledge of the capital and its buildings. He spent part of his retirement writing and had almost completed his memoirs before he died.

Prominent in Jewish life, he was at one time a member of the British Board of Deputies, was a governor of the Jewish public school, Carmel College, and was the first chairman of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen.

Yet Bernard Gillis was above all else a family man. He is survived by his wife Jessica and by his son.

GROUP CAPTAIN JAMES JEFFS



Group Captain James Jeffs, CVO, OBE, former Airport Commandant at London Heathrow, died on May 14 aged 96. He was born on January 27, 1900.

A PIONEER of air traffic control from the early days of its application to civil aviation, James Jeffs was successively in charge of Croydon, Prestwick and Heathrow international airports. He had been in the ground floor of air traffic control from his time at the Air Ministry in the years immediately after the end of the First World War and was the central figure in the practical development of British air traffic control services during the 1920s and 1930s.

George James Horatio Jeffs was born at Chivers Coton, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and educated at Hedleston School, Derby. He left there at the age of 17, joining the Royal Naval Air Service and, in 1918, the newly founded RAF.

Posted to Air Ministry headquarters from 1919 to 1922, he was next appointed air traffic control officer at what was then known as "the London Terminal Aerodrome" at Croydon.

There, though still only 22, he quietly and quickly began to exert an incisive but benevolent authority over the wide variety of flying — which was a feature of the Croydon airport of those days. Operations ranged from early air transport services through day-to-day flying instruction to a remarkable series of pioneering long-distance flights.

These included those of Hinkler, Cobham, Amy Johnson, Francis Chichester, Kingsford-Smith, Scott and Molison, as well as many

"one-off" occasions, such as the arrival at Croydon of Charles Lindbergh from Brussels in May 1927 (after his epic solo flight from New York to Paris), the first Atlantic flight direct to Croydon by Brock and Schlee in August 1927, and Amy Johnson's return from Australia on August Bank Holiday 1930. Both Lindbergh and Amy Johnson unleashed enthusiastic welcomes from crowds of more than 100,000 people, which necessitated vigorous rescue efforts by Jimmy Jeffs.

In all of this, the large, sturdy and unflappable Jeffs was always serenely in charge, while his authoritative voice could be heard by those able to tune in their wireless sets to 900 metres, as he informed airline captains of their position in reassuring tones. The positions of incoming aircraft were obtained by cross-bearings from Croydon and the airport station at Pulham, Norfolk, and established by the simple device of two lengths of string stretched to intersect on a table map.

In 1934, when the volume of Croydon's air traffic had grown from its small beginnings to a total of about 100,000 passengers a year, Jeffs moved to take charge at Heston airport — then looked upon as the possible replacement for Croydon as London's major air terminal.

From Heston, in 1938, Jeffs became chief instructor at the Air Ministry's School of Air Traffic Control until, at the outbreak of war, he was posted to the headquarters of RAF Fighter Command, to develop ground-to-air control procedures. At the same time he accompanied King George VI and Winston Churchill on some of their early wartime journeys by air.

In 1941 Jeffs was appointed

staff officer to the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, before moving to Gloucester as Commanding Officer Overseas Control. When deliveries by air of military aircraft from the United States and Canada began Jeffs was appointed Commanding Officer Trans-Atlantic Air Control, Prestwick. From there in 1942 he went to the headquarters of RAF Ferry Command, Montreal, as British chairman of the North Atlantic Control Board.

Between 1943 and 1945 Jeffs was at the headquarters of RAF Transport Command and, in 1944, became a member of the British delegation, under Lord Swinton, to the Chicago International civil aviation conference. He returned to London to the headquarters of the new Ministry of Civil Aviation in 1945 and, next year, was awarded National Air Traffic Officer's Licence No 1.

Between 1950 and 1957, he was back on familiar ground as Airport Commandant at the busy transatlantic base at Prestwick and completed 44 years of aviation service as Airport Commandant at Heathrow from 1957 to 1960, when he retired.

He was appointed OBE in 1943 and CVO in 1960. In 1944 he had been awarded the United States Legion of Merit. No one had contributed more to the safe operations of air traffic control in the United Kingdom throughout the previous years of peace and war.

On his retirement, Jimmy Jeffs continued to be active in the Royal Aero Club's affairs and was a familiar and popular figure at aviation meetings throughout the country. He married Phyllis Rosina Bell in 1921. She died in 1992. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

SIR THEODORE BRANCKER

Sir Theodore Brancker, QC, President of the Senate, Barbados, 1971-76, died on April 28 aged 87. He was born on February 9, 1909.

SERVING for 39 consecutive years in the Barbados Parliament, Sir Theodore Brancker was its longest-standing member. Although he was black, he came from the type of privileged family which won easy acceptance among the white community. But Brancker chose to turn his back on the elite and during the 34 years that he served in the House of Assembly as MP for St Lucy, he championed the causes of the oppressed. He questioned the rights of the few to govern a country at the expense of the majority of its people. Though personally unassuming and possessed of a disarmingly boyish smile, in politics, he once declared, he had never known how to be defeated.

Brancker was the only MP in his country to have served as both Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. He was variously a member of

the Barbados Labour Party and the Democratic Labour Party (DLP) and he served as Leader of the Opposition from 1956 to 1961. His contribution to his country was recognised by his knighthood in 1969.

John Eustace Theodore Brancker was educated at Harrison College in Barbados and the London School of Economics, where he obtained a Certificate in Colonial Administration. He went on to read for the Bar at Middle Temple before returning to Barbados in 1933. In his ensuing years of practice as a barrister, he was involved in several of the trials which were to become part of the folklore of his country, including that of Percy Bushell, the man who committed the island's first bank robbery.

Brancker was a dedicated lawyer. In 1961 he turned down an offer to serve as a Minister of the Crown because to serve in any ministry would have been to give up his entitlement to practise at the Bar. In that same year he was appointed QC (Barbados) and continued to work as a lawyer

until failing eyesight and advancing years eventually called a halt to his career.

But it was as a public servant that Brancker made his greatest impact. He entered politics in 1937, a watershed year in which the island was riven by riots. From 1937 to 1971 he served continuously in the House of Assembly as Leader of the Opposition, Speaker of the House, 1961-71, and President of the Senate.

Brancker maintained a lifelong interest in education and served for many years on the board of governors of several schools in Barbados. He also took a keen interest in civic affairs and was an earnest Rotarian and a long-standing member of the advisory board of the St Joseph Hospital.

For many years Brancker was president of the Empire Cricket Club, assisting in the promotion of Barbados's national sport. He was a Fellow of the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Royal Overseas League.

He is survived by his wife Esme, whom he married in 1967, and by his children.

JACK WYNGAARD

Jack Wyngaard, dancer, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in London on May 20, aged 37. He was born in Cape Town on November 7, 1958.

DURING his ten energetic years as a leading dancer with London City Ballet, Jack Wyngaard must have been seen by more people than most of his contemporaries. And to see him was almost certainly to admire him. Without any regular official funding, the London City Ballet has to support itself by constant touring all over Britain and occasionally also overseas. At most performances Wyngaard's handsome, cheerful face and irrepressible manner could be enjoyed on the stage. Although for want of an inch or two in height, he missed out on most of the romantic leads, his ebullient personality ensured that no part he was playing lacked attention.

Jack Wyngaard came from a caring and supportive, though not affluent, family in South Africa. As a young boy he took some dancing classes but gave them up and did not resume his interest until he was more than 20 years old — late for beginning a professional career. But once he had decided on the career he was to follow there was no holding him back. His teachers at the University of Cape Town Ballet School, David Poole and Dudley Tomlinson, quickly knew that they were nurturing a natural talent.

After only 18 months, Wyngaard joined the Cape Town Ballet as a soloist, and his directors soon found that there was no way they could overtax his enthusiasm for work. His love of dancing conveyed itself immediately to audiences and was the chief reason for his popularity.



In five years with the Cape Town company he played a wide range of major roles. In the classics he danced Bluebird in *The Sleeping Beauty*, Franz in *Coppelia*, and the Spectre de la Rose. From the modern international reper-

toire, he took the lead in Ashton's *Les Rendezvous*, the Dancing Master in De Valois's *The Rake's Progress* and Jasper in Cranko's *Pineapple Poll*. The company's own creations provided further opportunities: among

them Puck in A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Kay in *The Snow Queen* and Mercury in *Orpheus in the Underworld*. Moving to Britain, Wyngaard joined London City Ballet in August 1986, though he occasionally returned to

Cape Town for guest performances. He added many roles, both old and modern, to his repertoire. A memorable Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*, he sometimes played Romeo instead; in *La Sylphide* he appeared both as James, the hero, and his rival, Gurn. When he played the Jester in *Swan Lake*, his own disarming enthusiasm helped to offset the character's potentially tiresome pushiness. Several of the standard bravura showpieces came his way too: the famous duets from *The Corsair*, *Don Quixote* and *Flower Festival at Genzano*.

Jack Carter's ballets provided him with some notable roles, including the title part in *The Witchboy* and the tirelessly energetic second movement of *Three Dances to Japanese Music*. In David Lichine's *Graduation Ball* it was difficult to say whether he was better suited to the choreographer's own former role of the Leading Cadet, or to the crisp virtuoso solo of the Drummer.

But for many spectators the part that will spring first to mind when thinking of him is the Boy in Blue in Ashton's *The Rake's Progress*. Although he was black, he came from the type of privileged family which won easy acceptance among the white community. But Brancker chose to turn his back on the elite and during the 34 years that he served in the House of Assembly as MP for St Lucy, he championed the causes of the oppressed. He questioned the rights of the few to govern a country at the expense of the majority of its people. Though personally unassuming and possessed of a disarmingly boyish smile, in politics, he once declared, he had never known how to be defeated.

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Church news

Appointments include: The Rev David Bailey, Vicar, South Cave and Ellerker and Brookthorpe, to continue as Rural Dean of Howden (York) for a further five years.

The Rev Barbara Baisley, Adviser for Women's Ministry (Coventry), to be Head of Department and diocesan vocations adviser, and continue as associate minister, St John the Baptist, Berkswell, same diocese.

The Rev Stuart Beake, Vicar, Shotton and St Mary's, to be also Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Coventry).

The Rev Jolyon Bradshaw, Priest-in-charge St Mary Magdalene, 1st St Olave, St John and St Luke, Bermondsey, to be Rector, St Mary Magdalene with St Olave, St John and St Luke, Bermondsey, (Southwark).

The Rev Ted Chapman, Vicar, Bulmer with Dalby, Terrington and Welburn, to continue as Rural

Dean of Bulmer and Malton (York) for a further five years.

The Rev James Clarke, Chaplain, College of St Mark and St John (Exeter), to be Vicar, Lindfield (Chichester).

The Rev Peter Crooks, Priest-in-charge, Hunningham and Wapenbury with Weston-under-Wetherley, to be also Vicar, Long Itchington and Marston and have responsibility for St Gregory, Offchurch (Coventry).

The Rev George Davies, Chaplain, Thurrock Lakeside Shopping Centre (Chelmsford), to be Vicar, St Andrew, Mottingham (Southwark).

The Rev Brian Eaves, Team Vicar, Buckhurst Hill (Chelmsford), to be Rector, Culworth with Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville and Chipping Warden with Edgote (Peterborough).

The Rev John Evans, Rector, Green Norton with Braden and Lichborough, to be Vicar, Christ

Church, Northampton (Peterborough).

The Rev Andrew Froud, Assistant Curate, Abchurch with Farnley Tyas team parish (Wakefield), to be Priest-in-charge, Wootton, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth).

The Rev Nigel Fry, Curate, All Hallows, Wellington, to be Rector, Peckirk with Gilling and Northborough (Peterborough).

The Rev Andrew Gough, Curate, Wavertree (Liverpool), to be Chaplain of Warwick School (Coventry).

The Rev Richard Harrison, Assistant Chaplain, Merchant Taylors School, to be Chaplain, Ardingly College (Chichester).

The Rev Peter Homewood, Curate, St Martin, Rutlip, to be Rector, St Mary, Hayes (London).

The Rev Duncan Johnston, Curate, Werrington, to be Vicar, Great Doddington and Wilby (Peterborough).

The Rev Donald Jones, Vicar, Beckton (Chelmsford), to be Vicar,

St Nicolas, Nuneaton (Coventry).

MAU MAU OATH-TAKING IN KENYA

From Our Correspondent NAIROBI, May 26

The Kenyan police tonight disclosed that the number of persons who took illegal oaths of a Mau Mau nature at a meeting in the forest on the slopes of Mount Kenya a few days ago was nearer 1,000 than the 500 estimated earlier. Whatever the total may be, it is the largest ceremony of its kind held in the colony.

The curfew imposed on a suspect district in the Meru tribal area to overcome the reluctance of tribesmen to give information to the police is now apparently achieving its object. The provincial commissioner, Mr. R.F. Wilson, said: "We are beginning to get a lot of information about this meeting, and we are hoping that this will continue."

So far this month 15 people have been convicted in the Meru district on oath-taking charges. The area has been described by Mr. A.C.C. Swann, Minister for Defence and Internal Security, as one of the worst two in the colony for the incidence of such offences.

Kenya had reached a moment of truth: either the country advanced by constitutional means or it must revert to the rule of the panga. "I am, frankly, nearly in despair that at

ON THIS DAY

May 27, 1961

The militant Mau Mau, described as Kenya's "Peasants' Revolt", flourished from 1952 to 1959, when a conference was held which led to Kenyan independence. In 1964 the country became a republic.

regular intervals we have to take this action," he said. "Are we never to be free from a legacy of only a small proportion of the Kikuyu tribe? If we return to violence and intimidation I cannot see a future in this country." While these measures were distasteful, the Government had a duty to law-abiding citizens.

The condemnation of violence was the main theme in today's resumed debate on the Budget. Mr. Ronald Ngala himself, making his first major speech as leader of Government business, called on members to condemn violence inside and outside the House.

Observers noted, however, that his

condemnation was limited to present violence. He used such phrases as "the stage whereby independence could be achieved by violence is past" and "the time for violence has gone for ever". This is in keeping with the tendency to acknowledge that Mau Mau is regarded by most Africans as a "freedom struggle".

Last night Mr. Ngala's deputy, Mr. Masinde Muliro, Minister for Commerce, spoke in similar vein, saying: "At some stage in our evolution towards our independence Africans took up arms against established colonial rule. But at this stage I would urge all Africans in this country — all those who want to see us move to independence — to eliminate fear."

Meanwhile there is criticism here of the Government and its information services, and the allegation is being made in more than one quarter that information on the true security positions is being withheld. Yet this was one of the points that Mr. Hugh Fraser, the Colonial Under-Secretary, went out of his way to deny in his broadcast before leaving Kenya. He described the security situation as "fundamentally sound", and clearly contradicted this point — which clearly contradicted utterances by the Minister for Internal Security — at a press conference he said he had considered his words and that was his view.

NEWS

Major readies for autumn election

John Major's confrontation with Europe started to backfire on him when a former minister threatened to resign the party whip over the Prime Minister's "silly and cynical" behaviour. The Government's Commons majority of one would be wiped out if George Warden carried out his threat, and his remarks reinforced the Conservatives' determination to be ready for an autumn general election. Page 1

Parents angry over baby milk chemical

Doctors and parents rounded on the Ministry of Agriculture for refusing to name brands of baby milk containing potentially dangerous levels of "gender bending" chemicals. Ministry scientists have tested 15 leading brands and found that all contain phthalates, some at levels high enough to reduce fertility in babies exposed to them. Page 1

Royal observer

A seven-year-old boy whose life-saving heart operation was observed by the Princess of Wales was recovering well at his home in Cameroon, unaware of the identity of his royal visitor. Page 1

Birds' bird

A convicted animal rights activist has petitioned the Home Office to ban prison inmates from keeping caged birds. Page 1

Sleaze plea

A former Tory treasurer urged the party to publish a list of donations over £25,000 in an attempt to lift an atmosphere of sleaze over party funding. Page 2

Feud defused

A feud between Labour's leading transport frontbenchers has been defused by Tony Blair offering Brian Wilson, the railways spokesman, a new senior role on the campaign team. Page 2

Fishing tragedy

An exhausted woman swam for nearly four hours without a life jacket to raise the alarm when a clam dredger capsized off the Firth of Clyde. Four fishermen were feared drowned. Page 3

Climber lost

A search is under way for a British member of a South African mountaineering team that scaled Mount Everest after teammates subsequently lost radio contact with him. Page 3

Parents pay high price for teenagers

Parents who think that their financial worries are coming to an end when their children reach their late teens could not be more wrong, according to new research. Most parents will have to find at least £24,000 to support their children between the ages of 16 and 21 and, in some cases, the bill can be as high as £66,000. Page 6

Rail go-ahead

Final approval is expected next month for a funicular railway in the Cairngorms. But environmental groups are threatening to appeal to Europe. Page 4

Prisons prepare

Prison officials have drawn up emergency plans to house hundreds of extra remand prisoners if the Euro 96 football competition leads to serious disorder. Page 5

Pampered pets

Pets are being given secondhand human pacemakers and undergoing dentistry and hip replacements to keep them alive. Page 5

Israel admission

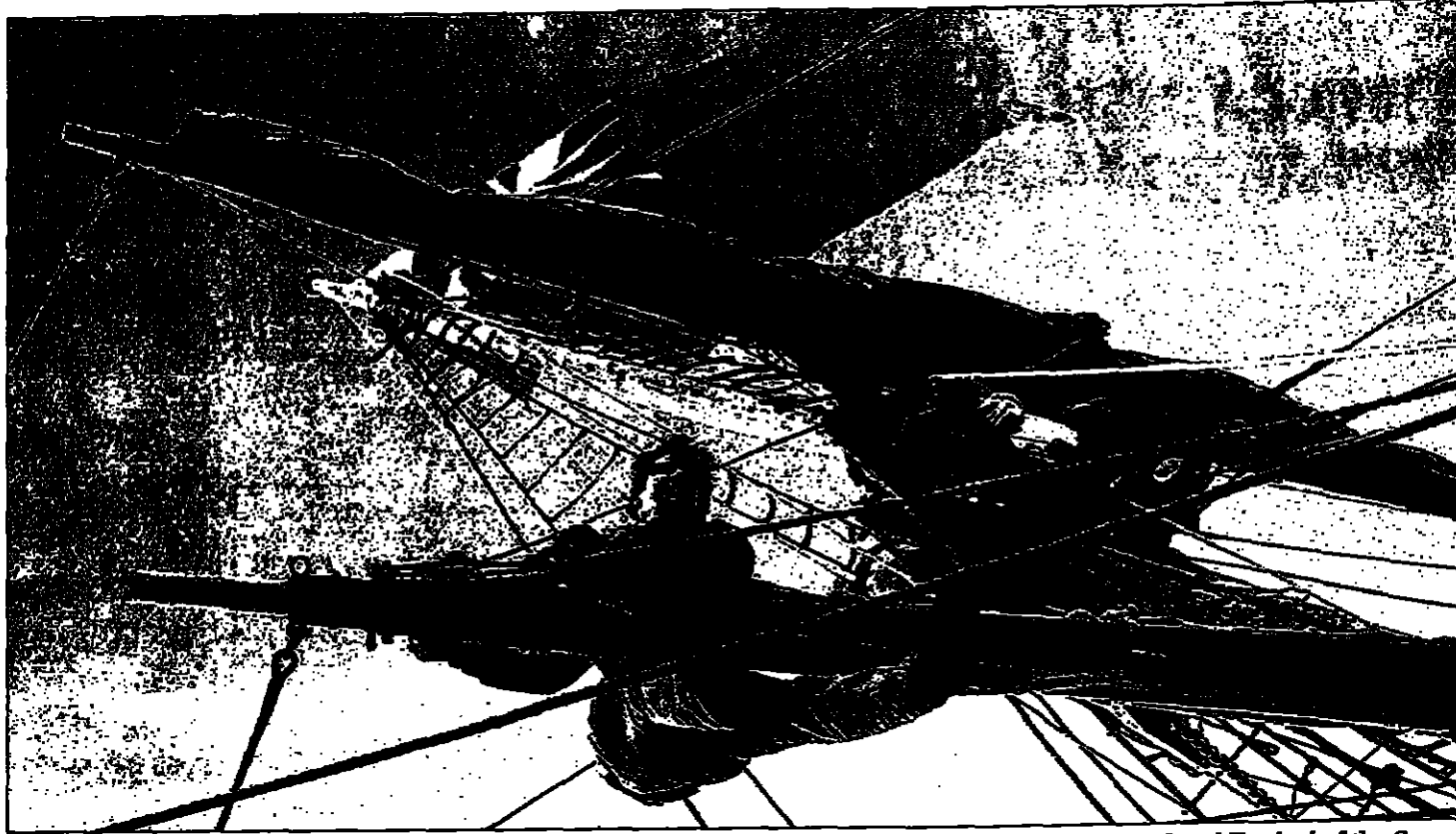
Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing challenger for the Likud leadership, brought Israel's election campaign to life when he admitted that he had been wrong to go on television in 1993 to admit adultery. Page 7

Yeltsin's failure

When President Yeltsin receives Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, leader of the Chechen rebels, he will tacitly acknowledge that he has failed to crush the separatist rebellion by military means. Page 8

Family values

Hillary Clinton's disclosure that she and President Clinton are talking about another child is bound to raise their political opponents' hackles. Page 9



A rigger at work on "HMS" Rose, an American replica of the British ship, during the Bristol International Festival of the Sea

Water fight

Two utility companies are set to battle publicly for Southern Water. An initial bid of £1.3 billion from ScottishPower will be more than matched by Southern Electricity. Page 36

Beat of British

The Government will proclaim the UK's superiority over other European states in its White Paper on competitiveness next month. The document will emphasise particularly the success in reducing unemployment compared with France, Germany and Spain. Page 36

Fair hearings

Barings bondholders seeking compensation for their £100 million loss when the bank collapsed last year will be listened to sympathetically by the Commons Treasury Committee. Page 36

Musical high

Does London really need another production of *Salome*? When the staging is as accomplished as ENO's, the return visit is worth the effort. Page 10

Foreign voices

Cecilia Bartoli, the Italian mezzo, and Dmitry Hvorostovsky, the Russian baritone, gave recitals at the Wigmore Hall that suggested they are stars in the making. Page 10

Battersea reborn

At last, it looks as if Battersea Power Station may be brought to a new and entertaining life, thanks to a £200 million plan. Page 11

Pop duo

The Venues the Coteau Twins chose for their London shows could not be more different: the Royal Albert Hall and the Ministry of Sound. Page 11

The perils of pushiness

Psychologists say that childhood neuroses, including attention deficit, hyperactivity disorder and stress-related stomach aches and headaches, can often be attributed to parents pushing their children too hard. Page 13

Trophy wife

Not so long ago, the hot accessory for every successful man was a brainless cutie. Not any longer. Julia Llewellyn Smith on the delights of the power spouse. Page 13

Mind and matter

Closing in on cancer: Anjana Ahuja meets one of Britain's brightest researchers, Dr Steve Jackson, the biologist who made the link between a good enzyme and a bad protein. Page 12

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

PRIZE PICTURES

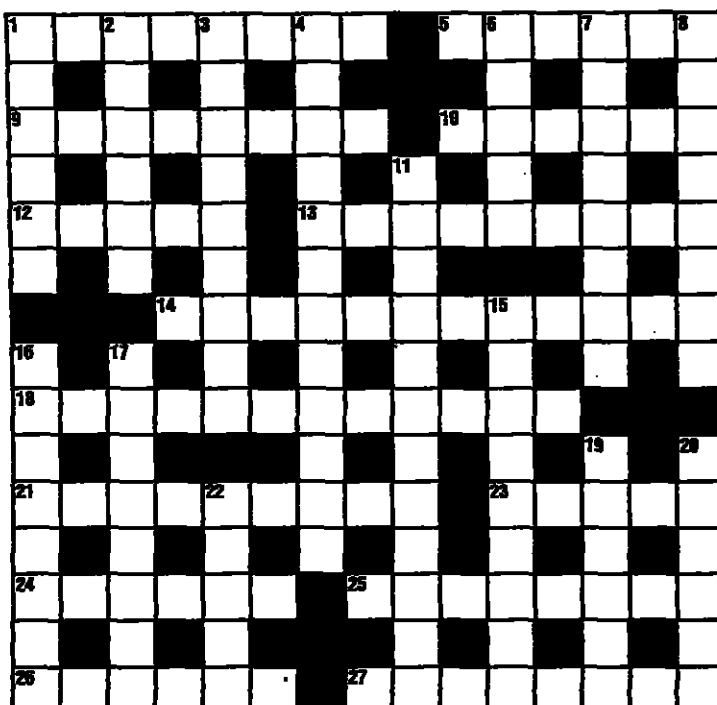
An outstanding private collection of modern art goes on show at the Tate

GREAT DEBATE

John Hayes, Secretary General of the Law Society, breaks his silence



THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,178



- ACROSS
- Continental prince knowing directly king enters (8).
 - Diamond, possibly, is card cut - jack turned over (6).
 - Range of voice required for Liszt recital (8).
 - Bottle shown by thousands carrying a sort of gun (6).
 - Grass, but get in a terrible flap (5).
 - Its point may be to remove meat from canines (9).
 - Political broadcast on large TV absorbing people (12).
 - Notice hole in motorway certain to produce accident (12).
 - Public show originally produced at Eccles, it turns out (9).
 - Set about game or liquid food (5).
 - New students contributing to a spell of filming (6).
- DOWN
- Short article quietly digested by ruthless type out East (6).
 - Conclusive information received in bed (6).
 - Party has way to conceal current division (9).
 - Look after the castle, say, reportedly to prevent hostilities (4,3,5).
 - Part of Southsea was horribly flooded (5).
 - Robbers in bar singing, we hear (8).
 - Book boat, say, for Charlie (8).
 - Crazy, to deviate from the direct course (5,3,4).
 - Shocking English king, for example, with evidence of debts (9).
 - Neglect of old girl upset no-one (8).
 - Like a woman about to put down insulating material (8).
 - A loose reference to broadcasting organization (6).
 - Cast almost accepts gold coin (6).
 - Eastern capital an American state invested in also (5).

ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,177 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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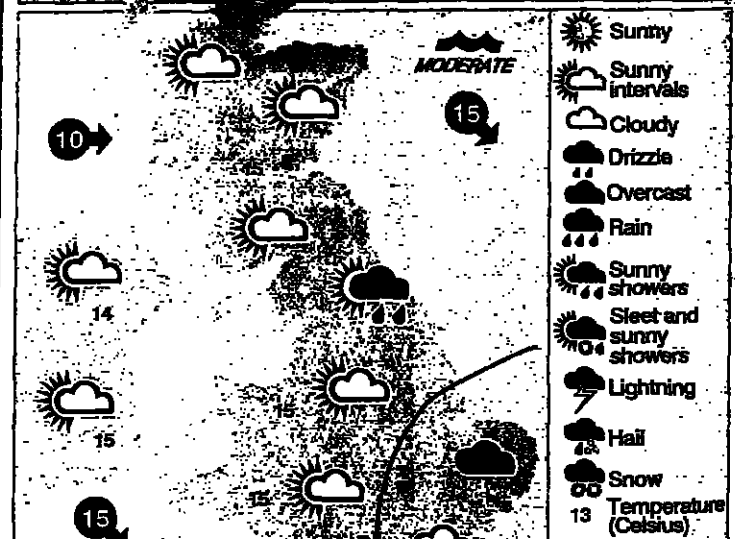
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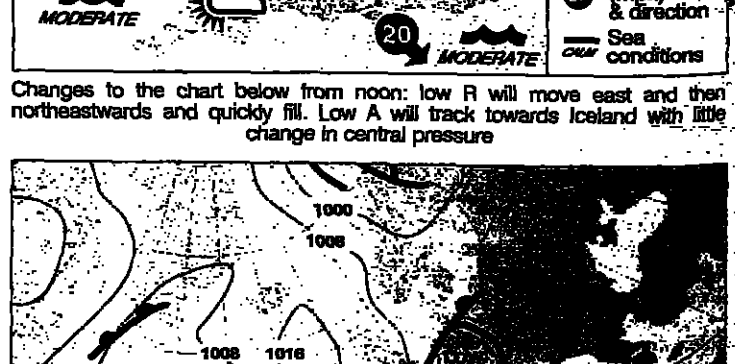
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